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"I shouldn't wonder."

"Yes." Then I will tell him that this is an old dress made over, and all these trimmings and furbelows are to cover up stains and tears and threadbare places in the miserable old rag."

"Oh, that's it."

"Yes." And then he'll feel so mean and cheap and disgusted that he'll give me $50 for a new bonnet."

The best medical authorities say the proper way to treat catarrh is to take a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla.

ITALY IN AFRICA

Battle Between the Troops and the Dervishes.

DECISIVE VICTORY FOR THE ITALIANS

Many Hundreds of Natives Killed in the Fight.

Sixty Standards and an English-Made Mitrailleuse Captured—Two Italian Officers Killed, Two Wounded—The Dervishes Completely Routed—They Had Planned a Night Attack.

Rome, Dec. 22.—General Luigi Pelloux, minister of war, in the chamber of deputies to-day, announced a victory of the Italian troops over the dervishes between Kassala and Agordat, in northeastern Africa. The dervishes threatened to attack Agordat at night. The battle took place yesterday. The dervishes numbered ten thousand, and were completely routed, leaving several hundred dead. Several flags and a mitrailleuse were captured by the Italians. The mitrailleuse was made in England. The Italian loss was two officers killed and two wounded.

An Eventful Career.

Panama, Colombia, Dec. 22.—Crawford Douglas, chief editor of the Star and Herald, died to-day. Mr. Douglas was born in Ireland. While an infant his parents sailed for Canada and settled near Toronto. When quite a young man he left for the Isthmus of Panama, and for a time was engaged in engineering work on the Panama railroad. Last summer he accepted the position of editor-in-chief of the Star and Herald. His relatives are in Canada. He was unmarried.

To Steal Baby Ruth.

Abilene, Kan., Dec. 22.—A plan to kidnap Ruth Cleveland, in expectation of a large ransom, was discovered by the police to-day in letters written from Washington to a man here. Two women were implicated in the scheme. The kidnapping was to be done in January. Steps have been taken to arrest the gang.

Horsewhipped a Judge.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 22.—Jeff Wagoner, who horsewhipped Judge Coddington on Wednesday, was declared insane by the physicians yesterday. He spent yesterday in his cell drawing up claims for damages against the newspapers. He wants a billion dollars from each.

Robbed His Employers.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Daniel Shaw, shipping clerk, was arrested at Greenfield Hills, his home, 12 miles from this city, to-day charged with robbing Arnold, Constable & Co., the great dry goods firm, of a large quantity of valuable dry goods. They found boxes and trunks filled with silks and laces and fine linen to the value of $8000. Shaw is in jail here. The stolen goods were also brought to Saratoga, and are held for identification and return. The prisoner is 45, and had been in the employ of Arnold, Constable & Co. for many years.

South Carolina's Liquor Law.

Charleston, S.C., Dec. 22.—The dispensary got another blow to-day when the arrest of J. S. Gailord, C. B. Swan, W. H. Pepper and C. B. McDonald, whiskey spies, was ordered, with bail fixed at $6,000 each. Proceedings began in the United States circuit court before Judge Simonton, and were in the nature of a suit brought by Ava Cantini, an alien, and a subject of the kingdom of Italy, for $10,000 damages. A constable on October 30th last entered his store in Tradd street and searched for liquors, which they failed to find. On the same day they entered his house at 52 King street, maliciously searched the premises, with threats of violence, and carried away a number of cases of wine, the private property of the plaintiff, not offered for sale. The wine was imported before the passage of the dispensary law. Plaintiff's wife was ill at the time, was frightened, and the fright imperilled her life.

Central American Doings.

San Salvador, Dec. 22.—President Ezeta contemplates a journey to the United States in February. Army reorganization is progressing. New guns for the artillery have been ordered.

Custom House Frauds.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Assistant Secretary Hamlin left Washington for New York last night to look into the matter of reported frauds at the New York custom house. Secretary Carlisle and Assistant Secretary Hamlin had a long conference with the president last night on the same subject.

Arrest of a Swindler.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—S. S. Hart, who was president of the State Bank of Buckley, sate of Washington, was arrested here yesterday, charged with embezzling $30,000 of the funds of the bank. Hart is said to have many aliases and to have conducted his swindling operations in many states. Hart's home was originally in Baltimore, and he was at one time known as the champion billiard player of Maryland. His name then was Louis I. Kann.

Caused Wild Excitement.

New York, Dec. 22.—There was a panic in Judge Steckler's court, situated in the building on the corner of Second avenue and First street, this morning. There were some 150 people in attendance on some petty civil cases. When about half of them had been disposed of a rumbling sound was heard, and with a cry that the building was collapsing the crowd made a rush for the doors. For a time the court room was the scene of the wildest excitement. People fought with one another in their efforts to reach the street first. Before half the crowd got out the floor sank some three feet, which added to the excitement. This was followed by the bulging outwards of the walls. All got out in safety, however. The building has been condemned as unsafe several times.

POOR MRS. FOSTER.

Victim of Ottawa Snobs Officially Recognized—Nick Sick.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Although Lord Stanley while governor-general of Canada withheld the hospitalities of Government House from Mrs. Foster, wife of Hon. George Foster, minister of finance, his successor, Lord Aberdeen, invited Mrs. Foster and her husband to an entertainment at Rideau Hall last Wednesday evening. A few years ago Minister Foster married Mrs. D. B. Chisholm in Chicago, where she had just secured a divorce. Lord Stanley and Lady Macdonald decided that an American divorcee was not just the thing for Canada's "400" to tolerate, consequently the lady was not included in the visiting list with her husband at Rideau Hall and Earnescliffe. No one in Canada has done as much for the cause of temperance as Mrs. Foster, and in every way she is an estimable woman. The fact of her being treated as she was by Lord Stanley and Lady Macdonald was severely commented upon at the time. The step Lord Aberdeen has taken, therefore, is generally applauded.

Michael Connolly is in the city seeing his brother Nicholas, who is suffering from his confinement, being unable to sleep or eat, and is under medical attendance.

Mr. Angers, minister of agriculture, has begun suit for $25,000 against L'Electeur for saying that he favored conspiracy with Landry to upset the Mercier government.

Nominations passed over quietly here to-day. There are three candidates in the field for the mayoralty: G. R. Cunningham, George Cox and R. W. Stroud. Mr. Stroud is running against the agreement the electric street railway has with the city. There will be a contest in every ward in the city.

STILL UNCONFIRMED.

Report of Rio Captured by Rebels Not Yet Substantiated.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—Inquiry at the Brazilian legation to-day revealed the fact that no cablegram had been received there from Rio which referred to the report that Rio had been captured by the insurgents and that President Peixoto had resigned.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 22.—San Borja has fallen into the hands of the rebels.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The case of Commodore Stanton, who was detached from the command of the United States steamer squadron at Rio de Janeiro for saluting the insurgent admiral, Mello, was disposed of by Secretary Herbert to-day by an order restoring Commodore Stanton to duty, although strongly disapproving of his action.

London, Dec. 22.—Reports circulated in America that Rio had surrendered to the Brazilian insurgents and that President Peixoto had resigned are not credited here. Inquiry at the telegraph office brought the information that cable traffic to Rio and other points in Brazil was proceeding as usual and that nothing had happened to indicate any change in the situation of affairs.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flint & Co. had direct advices from Rio de Janeiro to-day to say that there is no truth in the report that Rio had fallen. The Brazilian minister says he has no advices indicating any unusual trouble.

Glad of a Holiday.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—The great haste with which members of congress left the city for the Christmas holidays was apparent this morning. The capitol was almost deserted. There was a casual visitor here and there and a few necessary employes in the house.

American Naval Movements.

Washington, ec. 22.—The cruiser Baltimore arrived at Hong Kong to-day. The Baltimore will proceed to Yokohama, where she will become the flagship of the Asiatic squadron, relieving the old Lancaster, on which Rear-Admiral Skerrett has his flag. The Lancaster will start for home.

The cruiser San Francisco with Rear Admiral Benham on board, sailed from Trinidad this morning for Rio de Janeiro, where she will become the flagship of the south Atlantic squadron, succeeding the Newark, flagship of acting Rear Admiral Stanton at the time of his detachment. A telegram received at the navy department to-day from Admiral Benham reported the San Francisco's departure. It is estimated the vessel will reach Rio in ten days.

The Prussic Acid Route.

London, Dec. 22.—Sir Edward J. Dean Paul, Bart., committed suicide on Wednesday evening by taking prussic acid at a hotel in Piccadilly. The dead man was one of the best whips in England and America. He took first prize for driving a team in the competition at the Chicago exhibition.

BURGLED FOR A LIVING.

Arthur Emory Neatly Jugged—Chicken Show.

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—Miss Cool, teacher of the fourth division of the boys' school, was presented yesterday with a handsome mantel clock, the gift of the teachers as a token of friendship, as she is resigning her position. An address accompanied the presentation.

The poultry show drew an immense crowd yesterday. The prizes so far awarded appear to give satisfaction. Some of the best birds have been purchased by private sale. Mr. Carmichael of Victoria has won several of the numerous prizes.

Arthur Emory was arrested early yesterday morning on a charge of attempted burglary. The police have suspected him for some time, as he has been spending money rather freely and has not been working for many months. When searched at the jail a quantity of jewelry was found upon him, also several dozen spectacles.

MONSON GOES FREE

The Man Who was Suspected of Having Murdered

YOUNG LIEUTENANT HAMBROUGH

Gains To-Day the Scottish Verdict of "Not Proven."

Equivalent to Acquittal, Though Leaving the Bar Sinister of Doubt—Suicide of a Sporting Aristocrat—Death of Mr. Stanhope, Lord Salisbury's Secretary of State for War.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—The jury in the case of Monson, charged with the murder of Lieutenant Hambrough at Arkamont Point, Argyleshire, some months ago, to-day returned a verdict of "not proven."

Ex-War Secretary Stanhope Dead.

London, Dec. 22.—Edward Stanhope, secretary of state for war from 1887 to 1892, in the cabinet of Lord Salisbury, died suddenly this morning at Seven Oaks, Kent. He was born in 1840.

Mrs Foy's Evidence.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Judge Tuthill in the trial of Coughlin this morning overruled the objection of the defence to the admission of Mrs. Andrew Foy's testimony, but said she must be restricted to what she saw.

Determined to Stop It.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Edward Smith and James Thompson, who stopped a man on the street a few weeks ago and robbed him of $45, were sentenced by Judge Wallace this morning to twenty years each in San Quentin. The judge in pronouncing sentence said he was determined to put a stop to the footpad business, and all the prisoners of this class brought before him would be severely punished.

Winnie Stanton, the young woman who threw vitriol over Charles Stenzil, her lover, and formerly manager for Pugilist Corbett, was to-day sentenced to five years in prison.

Harrison Honored.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—A reception from 12 to 1 o'clock this afternoon was given in the rooms of the Trades League to ex-President Harrison. About 1000 of Philadelphia's business men shook hands. After the reception the ex-minister to Russia, Charles Emery Storrs, escorted General Harrison to his house where luncheon was given and where the ex-president spent the afternoon. This evening he will attend the dinner of the New England Society and respond to a toast. He leaves for home to-night. The ex-president was in consultation this morning with Whitelaw Reid. The latter left for New York saying he would meet Harrison in California.

Nelson's First Train.

Spokane, Dec. 20.—When Conductor Sinclair's train reached Spokane from the north at 6:40 o'clock last evening with 70 passengers the first round trip over the Spokane & Northern and Nelson & Fort Sheppard road was complete. The arrival of the train at Nelson, B. C., Tuesday evening was the signal for the wildest kind of a demonstration. The entire population turned out. Five gallons of free whiskey was opened before the passengers had fairly alighted from the cars. Free busses decorated with streamers took the passengers all over town, while a merry crowd followed the procession through the streets, making a tremendous din. Everything was free in Nelson, and a good many citizens in the town stayed up all night.

Eastern Canada.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The condition of Duncan McIntyre is, if anything, improved to-day. Members of the family say he is doing nicely.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—Troop & Son have effected a settlement with their creditors by which they pay 25 cents on the dollar in five payments, without security.

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 22.—Monsigneur Olivier Caron, vicar-general of the diocese of Three Rivers, died yesterday. He had suffered very much during the preceding night till six o'clock, but after that he was apparently without pain, and passed away very quietly. Deceased was 77, and held the office of chaplain to the Ursulines for over 38 years. He was created an apostolic prothonotary some years ago by Leo XIII., as a reward for his services to the church.

Count Dillon's Suit.

New York, Dec. 22.—Two witnesses were examined yesterday before the referee in the suit brought by Count Arthur Dillon of Paris against the Commercial Cable Co., as a corporation, and individually as John W. MacKay and James Gordon Bennett, for a receiver and to recover $500,000 and interest from 1890, which he claims is due him in the stock of the company. Consideration of the case was adjourned until this morning, when Laroque Choate, counsel for the MacKay company, opened the case. He denied all the allegations of the plaintiff.

General Dispatches.

Athens, Dec. 20.—The British war vessel Humbert collided with an Italian bark off Cape Matapan, the southernmost extremity of Greece, and cut her to the water's edge. There are no further details. The British ship Amalon has gone to the scene of the collision to render assistance.

How's This.

Twenty-inch hair-stuffed dolls with shoes and stockings, 25 cents, at Russell & McDonald's.

DAN COUGHLIN'S TRIAL.

Progress of the Hearing of Dr. Cronin's Murderer.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A sensational obstacle was raised to-day by the defence at the trial of Daniel Coughlin, which may keep the testimony of twenty important witnesses for the prosecution from reaching the ears of the jury. The taking of testimony came suddenly to a standstill, the witness whose story was objected to receiving orders to stand down. The jury retired, and during the argument the judge instructed the bailiffs to take the jury back to the hotel for the night. The judge was so impressed with the importance of the question that he adjourned the court without finally ruling upon it, although his previous remarks indicated a leaning towards the defendant. Mrs. Hermann, a milliner, living opposite the Windsor block, where Dr. Cronin resided, was called upon to testify to a conversation at the Conklin home, May 5, with Patrick O'Sullivan, in which the dead conspirator said something about Dr. Cronin being a spy and about the professional contract with the doctor.

The defendant's lawyer interposed an objection, and Judge Tuthill overruled it without further ceremony. Both lawyers protested, and said they had something to say and a few authorities to quote. The jurors left their seats and the legal battle began. The substance of the objection was that the proposed evidence was not admissible, because O'Sullivan was not on trial, and it related to a conversation on May 5; that the conspiracy had been consummated after the alleged murder had been committed, and the rule of the law was that the language, acts or conduct of one conspirator after the conspiracy had come to an end could not be admitted as evidence against a co-conspirator on trial.

In arguing against the position taken by the defence, Attorney Bottome contended that the state was compelled to prove that at least one of the persons charged in the indictment was guilty in addition to Coughlin before a conspiracy could be proved. The state proposed to go ahead and try the dead men as well as the living conspirator before the bar in order to prove a conspiracy. Mr. Bottome laid great stress upon the fact that Judge Cooley of Michigan had ruled in a similar case in favor of the contention.

Attorney Donahue cast reflections on the decision of the distinguished Michigan jurist, and was sharply criticized Attorney Bottome.

Judge Tuthill attached so much importance to the case cited that he read it in full and discussed both sides of the question fully with the lawyers. Then he reserved his decision until to-morrow.

There was rather a sensation in the day's proceedings when Attorney Bottome unexpectedly called the name of Mrs. Foy as a witness. Before Mrs. Foy had time to reach the witness' chair from the rear of the judge's seat the defendant's lawyers protested against Mrs. Foy telling her story, because they had received no notice of the intention to call her this afternoon, and they were not prepared to argue the question of admitting her testimony.

Attorney Scanlan told the court after the jury had retired that Mrs. Foy was in danger of breaking down physically and mentally, and he wanted to wash his hands of all responsibility for her appearance in court at any other time. She had been threatened by emissaries of the conspirators. She had been harassed, intimidated and frightened at her house, and had sat up all last night so as to be here to-day. She was afraid to go to sleep.

Judge Tuthill said he would order officers to guard her during the night and see that she was not molested. He had a talk with her in his chamber, and announced that she could be called to-morrow. Police officers will be on duty all night.

"Cronin!" called out Mr. Bottome, the public prosecutor, after the official stenographer had read the testimony of the late Michael Ries, the laborer who found the personal effects of the murdered man in the sewer. There were traces of excitement among the audience, and all eyes were turned on Arnold, a gray-haired man, as he emerged from the judge's chamber and walked behind the bench to the witness chair. He was a brother of the murdered doctor, and the only relative who has appeared in connection with the conspiracy, and came from Kansas to testify briefly in identification. He told the court and jury that he was 60 years old and lived in Jackson county, Kansas, where he resided at the time his brother was murdered. They last met alive at Carlinville, Ill., eight years ago. The doctor was living in St. Louis then.

The Brazilian War.

Pernambuco, Dec. 21.—Capt. Baker, who left New York in command of the new Brazilian steamer Nitheroh, has been superseded by Capt. Alvaro Nunez, formerly commander of the Brazilian warship Republica. The change is not well received by the Americans on board, but it is believed most of the expert men, especially the rapid-fire gunners, will continue in the service. Late to-day Capt. Nunez shipped 60 new men and sent several of the New York crew ashore. The rest of the seamen shipped at New York were compelled to sail in spite of protests and strike for higher wages. There was serious disturbance on board the Nitheroh. Several men who desired to leave the ship engaged in a struggle with the remainder of the crew, and a number were finally clapped in irons and confined below decks. The Associated Press correspondent on board the Nitheroh has learned that her consort, the America, has arrived at Maranhao and is expected here to-day or to-morow, when both vessels will probably sail southwards.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Brazilian minister Mendonca yesterday gave an interesting expose of the significance of the retirement of Admiral Mello from the head of the revolution and the placing of Senor de Gama in the front. "These revolutionary chiefs," he said, "held a meeting on November 7th, two months after Admiral Mello had begun his movement. At that time Senor da Gama declined to ally himself openly with the insurgents, unless he was permitted to announce that the revolution had only for its object the restoration of the monarchy. Admiral Mello, however, felt that such a step would be unwise, and refused to sanction it. Senor da Gama told him to go ahead and conduct the fight as long as he could upon the lines that he had laid down for himself at the beginning. In the meantime Senor da Gama would remain neutral and hold himself in readiness to change the plan of campaign in accordance with his suggestion whenever Admiral Mello found himself at the end of his resources.

This came sooner possibly than either of them had anticipated, for inside of the month Admiral Mello found it desirable to return from Rio on his ships, turning the command over to Senor da Gama, who thereupon issued his famous pronunciamento in favor of the monarchy. But he will be no more successful than Admiral Mello was. Notwithstanding the fact that he is an abler man than Mello da Gama has steadily lost ground, having been compelled to abandon two of the islands in the harbor which were in possession of the insurgents when Admiral Mello took to the high seas. He has completely failed also in creating the slightest disaffection among the military forces of the republic, which in both the regular and the militia branches are loyally devoted to the present administration.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 21.—Merchant vessels lying at the regular anchorage for trading vessels, between Ilha das Cobras and Ilha das Enchadas (Coaling island), have been asked by the government to leave the vicinity, so that the government forces may fire on the insurgents who are in possession of the islands without running the risk of striking the merchantmen.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A cable message from eight commanders of American merchantmen at present anchored in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro, protesting against alleged interference with their rights by the insurgents, was received by Secretary Gresham yesterday and by him sent to Secretary Herbert, as it concerned the authority of war vessels of the United States. The merchantmen contended that they were prevented by the constant firing between the insurgent and government forces from landing their cargoes at the custom house, although the regular government had given them permission to do so, and they asked that the commanders of American cruiser be instructed to see that they were not debarred from this privilege. Secretary Herbert has decided that he has no authroity to instruct Admiral Picking in the premises, and that attempts to land cargoes from American ships in lighters or otherwise must be made at the risk of the commanders, notwithstanding that these privileges are secured for the British and German vessels.

Whiskey Men Will Resist.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 22.—President Greenhut of the whiskey trust, said to-day of Secretary Carlisle's recommendation to increase the tax on spirits in bond: "I think the suggestion of ten cents a gallon is only a feeler, and that Congress will impose a considerably higher tax. That is generally expected by the trade. As to the application of the tax upon goods allowed in bond, on which tax had not been paid, I do not think it can be made to stand in law. The goods are admitted on what may be regarded as a form of contract, in which the amount of the tax to be paid is clearly stated, and to make this increase applicable to those goods would be an injustice. We have the best legal authority for the statement that any such attempt would be illegal, and it would be resisted on that ground."

Imperial Parliament.

London, Dec. 21.—George C. Bartley, Conservative, called the attention of the house of commons to-day to a public speech made by Edmund F. Knox, anti-Parnellite, to the effect that shares of the British South Africa company had been given to a number of members of the house of commons for the purpose of influencing them to support the company.

Mr. Knox denied that he had said the shares had been given to members for corrupt purposes. It was an ordinary commercial transaction. If anything he had said implied that members had been bought he withdrew the remarks and apologized for them.

Mr. Bartley was not satisfied with the apology. He said it did not go far enough and the matter ought to be dealt with as a breach of privilege.

Mr. Gladstone held that the matter should not be made the subject of a motion, declaring it to be a breach of privilege. He said further that Mr. Knox had absolutely withdrawn the statement.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house, suggested that Mr. Knox ought to be asked to specifically withdraw the statement that "several members of the house had been allotted shares, £3 being payable on the allotment, which they could sell the next day for £4."

Mr. Knox said he declined to withdraw what he knew to be fact. He only withdrew the inference that members had been influenced in their public conduct by receiving shares.

Mr. Balfour then said that this was the most serious accusation that had been brought against the house during the whole of his parliamentary experience. He recommended that Mr. Knox's apology be accepted; but moved that the statement be placed upon the records that the words were a breach of privilege.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, said he doubted if anything could be gained by adopting the motion.

The motion was negatived without division.

Antipodean Topics.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The Mariposa brought very little general news from Australia or New Zealand and Samoa.

There has been a general election in New Zealand, and the government was restored by a handsome majority. It was the first election since women's suffrage became law, and ladies were conspicuous at all the polling places. Nearly 5,000 women voted in the North Island alone.

Steamers of the Messageries Maritime company will probably soon be coming to San Francisco. At present the vessels of that line run between Sydney and Marseilles.

When the Mariposa was at Sydney, Comte Douville Maillefeu was at Brisbane arranging for a line of steamers to run between Brisbane and San Francisco, calling at Fiji, Hawaii and New Caledonia. If this line is put in operation there will then be three lines of steamers between the Pacific coast and Australia.

Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers is the best, handiest, safest, surest, cleanest, most economical and satisfactory dye ever invented. It is the gentlemen's favorite.

The Matabele Massacres.

London, Dec. 21.—The Times publish ed this morning a four-column story of the Matabele "campaign" written by Gerald Paget, a scout who served with Capt. Williams and the Ifah in the forces of the Chartered Company. He left Buluwayo on Nov. 13th. After narrating with great minuteness the events already published, Paget tells of Capt. Williams' death, which occurred while the scout was on the sick list. He says: On the evening of Oct. 26th Ifah and the other scouts galloped into camp. They were being pursued by the Insuklmini regiment, who surprised them, burning the kraal. They had to gallop for life. All returned except the captain, whose horse bolted down the natives' line. The captain escaped but met another party. Great efforts were made to find Williams or learn of his fate, Paget says, but not until days later was the truth ascertained. Wounded Matabele who were brought in related that the captain's horse galloped until it was dead beat. The captain then dismounted and ran ahead into the open field. Then he stopped and waved his hat at his pursuers, inviting them to come on. He emptied his repeater, killing two Matabele, and then used his revolver until he was shot in the forehead. The Capt. Williams referred to was Capt. Gwynvod Williams, whose death was reported two days ago. He was leading a pursuing column northward from Buluwayo, when the fight mentioned by Paget took place.

American Money.

New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market kept up tolerably well during the early trading in face of the reports about Atchison & Topeka and the closing of the St. Nicholas Bank by State Superintendent Preston. A few stocks advanced 1-4 to 3-4 per cent., New England Sugar and distilleries leading. The declined ranged from 1-2 to 4 per cent., and was not confined to any special group. The death of Chairman Magoun was considered particularly unfavorable for the holders of Atchison securities, as the general belief is that the company is in serious financial difficulties. It has been asserted, and not denied as yet, that the receivership papers have been drawn up to be presented at Topeka or Kansas City on Saturday. On this talk the stock broke from 17 3-4 to 14 7-8. The sales of the stock were 34,397; London, Boston and local holders were the sellers. The sharp decline led to some covering by "shorts," and the market left off somewhat steadier. The total sales were 308,530 shares. Closing bids: Atchison, 15 5-8; Burlington & Quincy, 75 1-2; Canada Southern, 50 3-4; Canadian Pacific, 72; Chicago, Cincinnati & Columbus, 36; Delaware & Lackawanna, 158; Erie, 14 7-8; Wells, Fargo, 125; Great Northern preferred, 103; Lake Shore, 122 1-2; Louisville & Nashville, 48 1-4; Missouri Pacific, 21 1-2; New England, 19 7-8; Northern Pacific, 5; Northern Pacific preferred, 15 7-8; Northwestern, 100 1-8; Oregon Navigation, 26; Oregon Improvement, 13; Rock Island, 65 3-4; Southern Pacific, 20; St. Paul, 58 3-4; Union Pacific, 19 1-2; Western Union, 83 7-8; bar silver, 69 1-2 per ounce. Money on call, 1 to 1 1-2; foreign exchange, sterling, 4.85 1-2 for 60 days; 4.88 on demand. Union Pacific firsts of 1896, 105; Central Pacific firsts of 1895, 105 bid.

Convict Labor Contract.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 22.—The state board of penitentiary commissioners yesterday concluded to make a contract with Corbin & Co., of New York, to work 400 state convicts on the Sunnyside plantation. It is understood the convicts are to be fed, clothed, guarded and receive medical attendance from the state. The owners of the plantation are to furnish quarters, a general superintendent and give half the crop to the state. On days when the convicts cannot work they are to receive 50 cents a day. The company is to advance $2,500 a month to feed the convicts until a crop is raised. Sunnyside plantation is the finest and best equipped cotton farm in the south, and includes about 12,000 acres, 3,800 of which are now under cultivation, on a beautiful island about 30 miles long, in Lake Chicot. It was purchased by Austin Corbin & Co. and Count Ravignac of France some years ago, and they have, it is said, spent $1,000,000 upon it. It is furnished with 200 fine tenement houses, ideal homes for superintendents, managers and "bosses," and implements of agriculture of the latest improved pattern. The governor thinks the experiment will prove profitable to the state.

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Daylight Robberies.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Miss Grace Swift, a daughter of acting mayor George B. Swift, was stopped yesterday afternoon by footpads and robbed of her pocketbook and fur boa. Miss Swift was passing an alley, almost within stone's throw of her home, when two men sprang out, threw her to the ground, and snatched her purse and boa and ran away. The young lady was nearly choked by the men, who drew the boa tightly about her neck. Mrs. Plawden Stevens was attacked at the same place and on the same day, but her screams scared the thieves away. Mrs. Lawrence, wife of a minister, was robbed near the same place last Saturday by a young man who snatched her purse. These robberies were made in daylight.

Everybody knows that the conditions for health are not favorable when the stomach, liver, and bowels are disordered. In such cases, headache, indigestion, and constipation are the result; for all which ailments the proper remedy is Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

GENERAL DISPATCHES.

News in Brief From Various Parts of the World.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The federal council have rejected the proposal to abolish the exceptional laws governing Alsace and Lorraine. This course was taken in harmony with the views of Prince von Hohenlohe, the imperial administrator, who thinks the two provinces are not ready for the ordinary legal conditions prevailing in other parts of Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The new anti-anarchist law provides imprisonment and penal servitude for people who incite others to use explosives. Persons found in possession of chemicals for use in explosives for evil purposes are liable to fifteen years' imprisonment and persons causing explosions from ten years to penal servitude for life.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—In the United States court to-day Postmaster W. H. Merrill of South Jacksonville was arraigned before Commissioner Walter on a charge of embezzlement of the funds of the government. The case was managed by Inspector Peer, who discovered some time ago a shortage in Merrill's money order account. Merrill was arrested last night, and to-day he mortgaged most of his property to make the shortage good. He is an appointee of President Harrison. He was bound over by the commissioner to await the action of the grand jury.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—When his attention was called to the Chicago dispatch to-day stating that Milkman Meertes, a witness in the Cronin trial, had been located in this city, Chief of Police Crowley said he knew nothing of the matter and had received no request from the Chicago authorities to look after the much desired witness. If he were concealed in this city that fact was entirely unknown to the police.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Jane Stanford, widow of the late Senator Leland Stanford, and executrix of his vast estate, yesterday confirmed the telegraphic report that Leland Stanford, jr., university is to receive an endowment of at least $300,000 from one of the brothers of the late Senator Stanford. In the late senator's will $300,000 was bequeathed to his brother, Thomas W. Stanford, of Melbourne, Australia. This bequest has been turned over to the university.

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In the Matter of the Estate of Giacomo Bossi, late of the City of Victoria, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having any claims against the above estate are hereby required to send in the particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before the first day of February, A.D. 1894, and notice is hereby also given that, after that day the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and that they will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have notice.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for the Executors, Rosa Bossi and Carlo Bossi.

Dated the 29th day of November, 1893.
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Notice of Assignment.

Pursuant to the "Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1890," notice is hereby given that John Johnston, carrying on business under the name and style of J. Johnston & Co., booksellers and stationers, at 77 Government Street, in the City of Victoria, has by deed dated the 1st day of December, 1893, granted and assigned all his real and personal property (except as therein mentioned) unto Walter Blake Smallfield of the said city, accountant, and George W. Haynes of the said city, real estate broker, in trust for the benefit of his creditors. The said deed was executed by the assignor and the assignees on the 1st day of December, 1893.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1893.

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J. W. McFARLAND,
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THEODORE DAVIE, Secretary.

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The Breakfast Oatmeal.

An obstinate case of water-brash or pyrosis was traced by Sir Benjamin W. Richardson, to oatmeal taken at breakfast. Writing of it in an English medical journal, Sir Benjamin says: The story of the repetition of the attack, always at the same or about the same hour, was so peculiar and so often repeated, I could not fail at last to attribute it to something taken at breakfast; and finally I began to suspect that a dish of oatmeal porridge might be the enemy. My patient had taken this for breakfast for many years and had never thought it injurious, and when I named my suspicion, he was incredulous. However, he took the advice to leave off oatmeal "on trial," and from the day of leaving it off had no return of his symptoms. Six months later he ventured the oatmeal diet again, and in a week was as bad as ever. Once more he left it off, and once more was completely cured. This was observation on a patient; but, for experiment's sake I tried the effect of oatmeal diet on myself, with the result of setting up in a few weeks as decided an attack of pyrosis as could be observed or felt. In my own case I found that barley water, repeated for a time, produced the same results. After making these observations, I continued to inquire, in all instances of pyrosis I have since met with, whether oatmeal formed a part of the dietary of those affected; and I have found so many corroborative experiences, I am led to think there is no more frequent cause of pyrosis than oatmeal or a similar fermentative food

CANADIAN NEWS.

The News of Eastern Canada in Short Paragraphs.

Mr. Justice Fraser of the supreme court of New Brunswick, has been appointed lieutenant-goernor of that province. It is understood that Mr. Barker, ex-M. P., will be appointed judge in Mr. Fraser's place.

A telegram has been received at the department of trade and commerce from Sir Thomas McIlwraith of Queensland, stating that on account of the illness of his wife, who is at present with him in Japan, his arrival in Canada will be delayed for three or four weeks. Sir Thomas comes to arrange the details of the intercolonial conference.

The Rathbun Company's office and freight shed in Belleville were destroyed. Loss, $9000; insured.

Rev. E. Coyle, late pastor of Division Street Methodist church, Cobourg, is dead.

H. F. White, late of the Walkerville Malleable iron works, was found guilty of embezzling the funds of the firm.

The Nova Scotia legislature has been summoned to meet for the dispatch of business on January 4.

The Liberals of South Huron have nominated Mr. McLean, reeve of Seaforth and editor of the Huron Expositor, for the legislature.

Near Calgary on Saturday last, Bruneau, a half-breed, killed an Indian named Snake Child. The murder was known on Sunday. On Monday a coroner's inquest was held, and on Tuesday the preliminary examination took place. On Thursday the prisoner was tried before Judge Rouleau, and pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter, was sentenced to ten years in Stony Mountain penitentiary, and is now there.

Alfred Vaux, an employee of the Hudson Bay Company at Calgary, is dead from the effect of an accident.

A man named Jacobs was frozen to death at Pincher Creek, Alberta.

The preliminary objections to the protest against Mr. Adams, member of the legislature for Brandon, have been dismissed. The case cannot come up for trial at the present session.

"Bob" Mackenzie, an Indian trader, of Mossy river, was found frozen to death last wek.

A number of small Canadian Pacific stations will be closed in Manitoba during the winter season, with a view to economy.

Ripstein & Co.'s dry good store in Winnipeg was damaged by fire. Loss, $5000.

Worse Than Thistles.

That vagrant weed, the Russian cactus, is rapidly overspreading North Dakota. Many families in Bonhommie county, S. D., have been compelled to leave their farms for it. It was in that county that the weed first made its appearance in America, about three years ago, and it is the belief that it was imported from Russia in flax seed. The weed compelled a colony of Russians to leave the county, and they went to Ellendale, N. D. The cars in which they and their effects were transported were partially filled with flax, and in this way the seed of the vagrant of the field was carried north. In two years' time it had gained a firm foothold. Last year it was estimated that the weed had damaged the wheat crop $2,000,000, and the present year the injury is fixed at double that amount.

The size of the weed varies according to the opportunity it has for growing. If crowded it will run up in small, stiff sprigs from 4 to 6 inches high. If given plenty of room, it forms a branchy, harsh, thorny, rounded mass, bursting with needlelike spikes and covering an area of ground 6 feet in diameter. It is tender and succulent when young, but as it grows old it becomes hard and stiff.

In face of this advancing enemy the farmer seems helpless to save himself. It is possible to burn it only at that season of the year when it has become matured and dry, and as this is the time when the vast wheat fields are ready for the harvester, the farmer menaces his grain when he strikes the fire. The only method of stopping the self-sowing of the seed, yet hit upon, is the planting of a row of sunflowers around each field. The stalks stand closely together and prevent the weed from travelling over the ground enclosed by them. To uproot the weed by plowing it up is out of the question, for its prick is so painful that horses refuse to travel in it.

A law has been enacted in each state requiring the farmers to destroy the weed, but the measure is a useless one, as the farmers have no way of meeting its requirements. It is not improbable that this seed will march like a destroying angel through the entire wheat-growing territory of the United States.

The Origin of Petroleum.

William Anderson, D. C. L., F. R. S., in a lecture recently delivered at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, concerning the origin of petroleum, said that Mendeleef's theory is that petroleum is the product of the action of water on the carbides of metals at high temperatures at no very great relative depths in the crust of the earth, that this production is continually in progress, and that many deposits thus actually forming may be reached in many places by sufficiently deep borings. It is somewhat humiliating when thus drawing attention to the recent rapid advance of science, and to the manner in which the engineer has adapted the discoveries of the abstract investigator to the use and convenience of man, to be obliged to confess how utterly insignificant are human operations with reference to the size of our planet. The deepest mine is a mere scratch on its surface, so that though the theory of Mendeleeff may be true, the question arises whether there be any hope that the wealth inferred to exist may ever be realized. Whether the powers of the engineer will ever be so exalted as to enable him to reach those stores of combustibles which that theory supposes must exist in many localities, especially in those where the surface has been shaken by primeval convulsions, and where the deposits may, therefore, be expected to lie at relatively short distances below the surface. In view of the recent progress in mechanical skill, it certainly would be rash to say that borings of immensely greater depth than any that we are as yet acquainted with will never be made, for if accumulated evidence as to the correctness of Mendeleeff's views, together with the ever-increasing cost of fuel, shall hold out hopes of success, enterprising men will be found ready to embark their means in undertakings, the risks of which would not seem to be more formidable than those which surrounded the laying of the first Atlantic cable, and the rewards of success in which would be incomparably greater.—Railway Review.

On a Sleeper.

The disappearance of the duster on American railroad trains was recently pointed out as a change which has come over the travelling public in the past five years without attracting the slightest notice. Everyone once wore a duster. No one does now. The Gazette has recently been publishing a number of letters on another change as sudden and complete. Five years ago all berths on sleepers were made up with feet to the engine, unless the reverse was ordered. To-day nearly all berths are made up the other way on the main lines and it is the exception that the old position is retained. No one of the Gazette's correspondents has given a reason for this, save one, that on an elevator no one objects to going up, though a descent is often disagreeable.

There is the additional reason that whatever draught is created is more agreeable if it comes from behind the head than if it blows in the face. The change has also come since the porters on the sleeper rules, one or both, were less stringent as to closing windows in lower berths. If a window is open an inch or two the passenger's comfort is greatly increased and the open window is naturally at the rear end of the berth, and as naturally the berth is made up with the pillow at the head. Whatever the cause, the curious fact remains that a habit of making up berths with heads to the rear has suddenly been altered by the general consent of travellers who have all found out what a few discovered ten years ago, that the way to be comfortable on a sleeper is to take a lower berth, have the head to the engine and wedge up to the rear window an inch or two, so as to let in fresh air.—Railway Gazette.

She Made $2,000,000.

The Chicago Daily News says: The late Mrs. Elsie Frank, whose funeral took place the other aftrnoon from the family residence at 2522 Michigan boulevard, was a remarkable woman. She left an estate estimated at $2,000,000, and this vast fortune was amassed for the most part by her own shrewdness and sound judgment. As a personal achievement her works would prove unique in any collection of celebrities. But associated with qualities of mind that are only to be met with in intellects of the first order was a modesty entirely feminine. And it was this union of clear insight with a masculine will power and address in effecting combinations in matters of judgment, coupled to gentle, unobtrusive ways and soft traits of disposition that gave Mrs. Frank prominence as a personage of force. Her strength was of the mind and of the heart. As an instance of her good judgment in the management of money the great fortune she leaves is sufficient. Her many benefactions, among the most notable ones being to the society for the education of Jewish orphans, her liberal endowments to the home for aged Jews at Sixty-second and Drexel boulevard, her private gifts and donations to families and charitable societies abundantly testify to her qualities of heart. She was beloved of the poor and distressed. And her death came peacefully and calmly at the age of 81 years. For the greater part of the last 39 years Mrs. Elsie Frank has been a power in Chicago financiering. This will be news to many people, but it is none the less true, as some of her old friends declared to-day that Chicago merchants who are to-day millionaires have at critical times in their careers profited by Mrs. Frank's judgment in the management of her own affairs. Some 39 years ago Mrs. Frank was a poor widow with ten children to provide for. Her husband was a school teacher and very near-sighted. One day he walked into an open drawbridge of the Randolph street bridge and was drowned. Forced to provide for her little ones by her own efforts was the circumstance that developed in Mrs. Frank her wonderful powers of foresight and judgment. She had inherited a keen brain, like the one that made her brother, Michael Reese, a power in the world of affairs, and some money contributed by him to her was the foundation of her vast fortune. She appeared to know instinctively what a good investment was, and she made money and grew rich because her intelligence saw all the profits to be derived from a combination. And this intelligence dominated her family, it is said, and every member yielded a willing obedience to her counsels. These latter, so the family friends say, were almost always delivered under circumstances calculated to impress all present. The different members would be drawn up with their chairs surrounding a central one in which Mrs. Frank would sit as presiding officer of the deliberations. Statements would be made to the aged lady in detail, and figures, facts and estimates would be read her from documents, and she would listen to all, hear with patience objections from one side, attend to the words of favor that came from another, then, when everything had been said, the aged mistress would deliver her judgment; and this judgment, it was known to all, never erred. Clear-headed men of business, as all present were, they would yield to the old lady when she advised a measure, because they had found her to be always on the right side.

It is related of Mrs. Frank by a gentleman who had a strong admiration for her quick perception, that years ago, when the government of the United States issued its first 4 per cent bonds and financiers seemed slow to take them up, Mrs. Frank pronounced them the very best security ever offered. She advised all her friends to buy these bonds—even implored some to do so—and set a good example by subscribing for $100,000 worth herself. Time has verified the soundness of her judgment respecting gold-bearing bonds. No better security was ever offered.

Mrs. Frank was a great reader of newspapers. The newspapers, she used to say, would bring one nearer to the people, and her ideas in this direction she carried out so faithfully that she read all the advertisements.

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HOOD'S PILLS cure biliousness.

Princess Letitia Bonaparte, the widow of the Duke of Aosta, brother of King Humbert of Italy, has created some scandal in royal circles by the efforts she is making to induce the King of Italy and the Pope to give their consent to her marriage to her step-son, the present Duke of Aosta, with whom she was in love before she jilted him to marry his father. The marriage was one of ambition on her part, since the bridegroom was an extremely ugly man, and was, moreover, the uncle of the bride. Princess Letitia is the daughter of the late Prince Napoleon, and bears a striking resemblance to the portraits of Princess Pauline Borghese.

NO. 216.

A BY-LAW

Respecting the Municipal Elections for the City of Victoria for the year 1894.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:—

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1894, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court room at the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1894, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Aldermen in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for said office shall be taken by ballot on the 11th day of January, 1894, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:—

For the North Ward, in room numbered 5 and 6, at the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward, at Burnes' Block, Bastion Square.

For the South Ward, at No. 27 Government street (east side).

4. The provision of the "Election By-Law," passed 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-Law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this by-law and the Municipal Acts, shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William King Bull is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said elections.

6. The "Municipal Election By-Law, 1893," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By-Law, 1894."

Passed the Municipal Council the 11th day of December, A.D. 1893.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council of the City of Victoria the 18th day of December, A.D. 1893.

(L. S.) ROBERT BEAVEN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 18th day of December, A.D. 1893, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that any one desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any section thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court within one month next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

Canada Settlers' Loan and Trust Company, Limited (Foreign).

Registered the 13th Day of November, 1893.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

This is to certify that I have this day registered the "Canada Settlers' Loan and Trust Company, Limited," (Foreign) under the Companies' Act, Part IV, Registration of Foreign companies and the Companies Act Amendment Act, 1889."

The objects for which the company is established are:—

A. To carry on the business of a Loan and Trust Company in all its branches.

B. To lend money for any term to any person, partnership, corporation or association.

C. To purchase, take, or lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire, any real or personal property rights or privileges which the company may think suitable or convenient for any purposes of its business, and to erect and construct buildings and works of all kinds.

D. To acquire and carry on all or any part of the business or property and to undertake any liabilities of any person, firm association, or company, possessed of property suitable for any of the purposes of this company, or carry on any business which this company is authorized to carry on, or which can be conviently carried on in connection with the same, or may seem to the company, calculated directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and as the consideration for the same to pay cash or to issue any shares, stocks, or obligations of this company.

E. To purchase, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, and to hold the shares, stocks or obligations of any company in the United Kingdom, or elsewhere, and upon a distribution of assets or division of profits, to distribute any such shares, stocks or obligations amongst the members of this company in specie.

F. To borrow or raise money for any purposes of the company and for the purpose of securing the same and interest or for any other purpose, to mortgage or charge the undertaking or all or any part of the property of the company present or after acquired or its uncalled capital, and to create, issue, make, draw, accept and negotiate perpetual or redeemable debentures of debenture stock, bills of exchange, promissory notes, or other obligations or negotiable instruments.

G. To sell, let, develop, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the undertaking, or all or any part of the property of the company, whether acquired in the course of its business as mortgagees or otherwise upon any terms, with power to accept as the consideration, any shares, stocks, or obligations of any other company.

H. To pay out of the funds of the company all expenses of or incident to the formation, registration, and advertising of the company, and the issue of its capital, including brokerage and commissions for obtaining applications for or placing snares, and to apply at the cost of the company to parliament for any extension of the company's powers.

I. To carry out all or any of the foregoing objects as principals or agents, or in partnership, or conjunction with any other person, firm, association, or company, and in any part of the world.

J. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The amount of the capital stock of the said company is five hundred thousand pounds sterling divided into fifty thousand shares of ten pounds each.

The place of business of the said company is located at the city of Victoria, Province of British Columbia.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the 13th day of November, 1893, at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia.

(Signed) C. J. LEGGATT,
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214.

A BY-LAW

To authorise the disposal of a certain portion of Belleville Street in exchange for contiguous lands expropriated, and for expropriating the said lands for the purpose of straightening and improving the said Belleville Street, being a public street situate within the City of Victoria.

Whereas it is deemed necessary and expedient for the purpose of straightening and improving Belleville street, being a public street situate within the City of Victoria, to dispose of a portion thereof in exchange for contiguous lands hereby expropriated and to divert and straighten the said street.

And whereas the portion of Belleville street aforesaid which it is proposed to dispose of is so much thereof as lies to the south of a straight line drawn from the northwest corner of Lot 18, Section 6, Victoria City, thence easterly along the northern boundaries of Lots 18 and 19 to the northeast corner of said Lot 19, thence easterly to a point on the western boundary of McClure street, 63 feet, southerly from the southeast corner of Lot 1270, Section 6 aforesaid, and which said line is intended to be the southern boundary line of Belleville street aforesaid when straightened and improved.

And whereas the land which it is proposed to expropriate and take in exchange for the said portion of Belleville street is so much of the piece or parcel of land now owned by the trustees of the estate of James William Douglas, deceased, as lies adjacent and partly contiguous to and to the north of the said line before mentioned and described and contains 1680 square yards more or less.

And whereas Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken are the present trustees of the estate of the said James William Douglas, deceased, and as such the registered owners in fee of the land aforesaid required for the straightening and improving of Belleville street, and it is proposed that they should convey the same to the Corporation of the City of Victoria in exchange for the conveyance to them from the said City of Victoria of the said portion of Belleville street before described except so much thereof as is to be conveyed to John Sebastian Helmcken as hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas for the purpose of straightening and improving Belleville street aforesaid, the Corporation of the City of Victoria will require a small portion of Lot 1245, Section 6 aforesaid, of which the said John Sebastian Helmcken is owner in fee, being so much of the said lot 1245 as lies to the north of the before described line and it is proposed to expropriate the same, and that he should thereupon convey the same to the corporation of the City of Victoria in exchange for the conveyance to him from the said corporation of so much of Belleville street as lies to the south of the before described line and between it and the northern boundary of the said Lot 1245, which said portion of Belleville street is triangular in shape and is bounded on the north side by the before described line, on the south side by part of the northern boundary line of said Lot 1245, and on the west by a line drawn parallel to and in continuation of the western boundary of the said lot.

And whereas, under and by virtue of subsection 133 of section 104 of the Municipal Act, 1892, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria is authorized to make by-laws to dispose of a public street or any portion thereof whenever deemed necessary, in exchange for adjacent or contiguous lands expropriated for the purpose of improving, widening, straightening or diverting any public street and to execute deeds for property so exchanged.

Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria to dispose of and convey to Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken, as trustees of the estate of James William Douglas, deceased, so much of the public street known as Belleville street, situate within the City of Victoria, as lies to the south of a straight line drawn from the northwest corner of Lot 18, Section 6, Victoria City aforesaid, thence easterly along the northern boundaries of Lots 18 and 19 to the northeast corner of said Lot 19, thence easterly to a point on the western boundary of McClure street, 63 feet southerly from the southeast corner of Lot 1270, Section 6, aforesaid, (except so much thereof as is intended to be conveyed in exchange to John Sebastian Helmcken hereinafter described.)

2. The Corporation of the City of Victoria hereby expropriates so much of the piece or parcel of land now owned by Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken as trustees of the Estate of James William Douglas, deceased, as lies adjacent and partly contiguous to and to the north of the said before described line, and which contains 1680 square yards more or less, and it shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria to give to the said Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken in exchange therefor the piece of land mentioned and described in Clause 1.

3. That for the purpose of effecting the exchange it shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria by the Mayor to execute a conveyance to the said Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken of the said portions of Belleville street mentioned in Clause 1 upon the receipt of the proper conveyance from the said Dennis Reginald Harris and Harry Dallas Helmcken to the said Corporation of the said piece or parcel of land mentioned in Clause 2.

4. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria to dispose of and convey to John Sebastian Helmcken so much of the public street known as Belleville street aforesaid as lies to the south of the before described line and between it and the northern boundary of Lot 1245, Section 6, aforesaid, which said portion of Belleville street is triangular in shape and is bounded on the north side by the before described line on the south by part of the northern boundary line of said Lot 1245 and in the west by a line drawn parallel to and in continuation of the western boundary line of said Lot.

5. The Corporation of the City of Victoria hereby expropriates so much of said Lot 1245, Section 6, Victoria City, belonging to the said John Sebastian Helmcken as lies to the north of the before described line, and it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to give to the said John Sebastian Helmcken in exchange therefor the piece of land mentioned and described in Clause 4.

6. That for the purpose of effecting the said exchange it shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by the Mayor to execute a conveyance to the said John Sebastian Helmcken of the said portions of Belleville street mentioned in Clause IV. upon the receipt of a proper conveyance from the said John Sebastian Helmcken to the said Corporation of the said portion of Lot 1245, Section 6, mentioned in Clause 5.

7. This by-law may be cited as "The Belleville Street Improvement Exchange By-Law."

Passed the Municipal Council this 8th day of December, 1893.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council, the 11th day of December, 1893.

(L.S.) ROBERT BEAVEN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

NOTICE.

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

(215.)

A BY-LAW

For the Purpose of Expropriating Certain Real Property for the Purpose of Widening View Street Within the City of Victoria.

Whereas under and by virtue of Section 104, sub-section 107 of the Municipal Act, 1892, powers are conferred upon the Council to pass by-laws for the purpose (inter alia) of widening streets and expropriating any real property necessary therefor subject to restrictions contained in Sections 269, 270, 271 and 272 of the said Act.

And whereas it is expedient to extend View street in the City of Victoria by widening the said street from the north east corner of Lot 1080 easterly across the north end of Block 10, Spring Ridge, and easterly across the north end of Block 9, Spring Ridge, and also easterly across the north end of Lot 6, Block 8, Spring Ridge, to Ormond street, in the said City in order to make the same of a uniform width of 60 feet and it is necessary for the purpose aforesaid to enter upon expropriate and take and use such portion of Block 10, Spring Ridge, as may be necessary for such purpose.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:—

"1. It shall be lawful for the Corporation of the City of Victoria to expropriate, and it hereby expropriates, for the purpose of widening View street aforesaid all and singular that portion or parcel of land and premises more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 10 of the Hudson's Bay Company's property at Spring Ridge, thence westerly along the north boundary of said Section 10, 132 feet more or less to the west boundary of the said section, thence southerly along the west boundary of said section 30 feet more or less to a point where the said west boundary would intersect a production easterly of the south line of View street as laid down upon the official map of the City of Victoria, prepared under the provisions of 43 Vic., Cap. 31 (1880) thence following the production of the south line of View street easterly 132 feet more or less to the east boundary of Section 10, thence following the east boundary of said section 10, 30 feet more or less to the place of beginning:

And it shall be lawful for the said Corporation forthwith to enter upon expropriate break up and take and use the said piece of land for the purpose aforesaid without the consent of the owner thereof.

2. This by-law may be cited as "The View Street Expropriation By-Law."

Passed the Municipal Council the 8th day of December, 1893.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Council the 11th day of December, 1893.

(L.S.) ROBERT BEAVEN, Mayor.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

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SOCIETIES.

B. C. ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY. Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m., on the first Friday in every month, at the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street. The aims of the Society are the uniting together of Englishmen for their mutual benefit and the maintenance of the British Connection. JNO. J. AUSTIN, Secretary. ja13

B. C. PIONEER SOCIETY. The Hall of the above society in Musgrave Block, Broad street, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the convenience of Pioneers and their friends, who are cordially invited to visit the rooms.

ANCIENT ORDER FORESTERS. Court Vancouver No. 5755, A.O.F., meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month in Foresters' Hall, Government street. Visiting brothers are invited. SIDNEY WILSON, Sec. 2613

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., B.C.R. Regular communications the first Thursday in each month, at Masonic Temple, corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets. Sojourning brethren cordially invited. ja3 G. DUBOIS MASON, Secretary.

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COLUMBIA ROYAL ARCH Chapter, No. 120, G.R.C. Regular convocations held on the first Tuesday of every month, at Chapter Hall, Masonic Temple, Douglas street. Sojourning companions are cordially invited. R. H. SWINERTON, 1-19 scribe E.

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CHAS. KENT, Treasurer.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until Tuesday next 12m., for laying two stone crossings, viz:

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By order. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

City Clerk's office, December 20th, 1893.

NOTICE

I.O.O.F.—General Relief Committee.

Members of this committee are hereby requested to attend a special meeting on Sunday, 24th inst., at 3 p.m. at Odd Fellow's Hall, Douglas street.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT. d21-td

"Land Registry Act."

Sections 1 and 2, Quatsino District.

A certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above property will be issued to Andrew R. Forbes on the 24th March, 1894, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein, or some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Deputy Registrar General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, 19th December, 1893. d21-3m

Slang Words and Phrases.

"Dun" is a word now whose meaning is known to every one who understands the English language. About the beginning of the century a constable in England whose name was John Dun became celebrated as a collector of bad debts. When others would fail to collect a bad debt Dun would be sure to get it out of the debtor. It soon passed into a current phrase that when a person owed money and did not pay when asked he would have to be "dunned." Hence it soon became common in such cases to say, "You will have to Dun So and So if you wish to collect your money." Until the nomination of Franklin Pierce for the presidency the word "outsider" was unknown. The committee on credentials came in to make its report, and could not make its way into the hall because of the numbers of people who were not members of the convention. The chairman of the convention asked if the committee was ready to report, and the chairman of the committee answered, "Yes, Mr. Chairman; but the committee is unable to get inside on account of the crowd and the pressure of outsiders." The newspaper reporters took up the word and used it. "You are a daisy," is used by Dickens in "David Copperfield," in the sense of calling a person a "daisy" in a way to express admiration, and at the same time to laugh at one's credulity. Steerforth says to young Copperfield, "David, my "daisy," you are so innocent of the world! Let me call you my daisy; it is so refreshing in these corrupt days to find one so innocent and unsophisticated. My dear Copperfield, the daisies in the field are not fresher than you." "Too thin," was given currency by Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, in the United States congress in 1870. Some members had made a reply to Mr. Stephens, and the latter had his chair wheeled into the aisle, and said, in that shrill, piping voice, which always commanded silence, "Mr. Speaker, the gentleman's arguments are gratuitous assertions made up of whole cloth—and cloth, sir, so gauzy and thin that it will not hold water. It is entirely too thin, sir."

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The Daily Times.

THE PREMIER'S AWFUL WRATH

The audacity of the Times and the Columbian in referring to the Thomas "contempt" case in Nova Scotia and the light it throws on the Kennedy case has evoked a terrible outburst of wrath from the Colonist. No less than a column of indignation ornaments its editorial page this morning, abounding in the choicest flowers of rhetoric and exhibiting the highest style of declamation. Here is a sample, dealing with the remarks which the two unregenerate newspapers have had the temerity to offer:—

The pious rolling of the editorial eye and the unctuous rhetorical rounding of great moral sentences are performed with rare artistic effect. The dragging of the "hunted journalists" before an "unconstitutional" and "arbitrary" tribunal has been graphically commented upon in all the minuteness of detail, and we have not failed to observe in these Junius-like utterances all the earmarks of a highly dramatic, though somewhat familiar and stereotyped style of letters.

Just think of the depravity of two journals that refuse to be crushed by such sentences as these. Then the article concludes in this way:

That the government did not exalt the heroic conduct of the Kennedys into the magnitude of a cause celebre is to be deeply deplored. It is even more to be deplored that they should have been made to suffer in queer hiding places for the contributions to their editorial columns by a member of parliament, or, if that were unavoidable, that the latter, through innate modesty and lack of self-assertion, could not, with them, have shared at least prospectively the crown of martyrdom which, to the present, has most vexatiously eluded their grasp.

This is one way of repeating the old assertion that Mr. Brown was the author of the offending article in the Columbian, though Mr. Brown has more than once denied the statement. Even if Mr. Brown had never offered any such denial, there would be much less reason for crediting him with the Columbian article than for crediting Premier Davie with the Colonist article of this morning. That the latter is the product of the premier's pen seems quite plain from internal evidence. Nobody will be surprised by the hon. gentleman's outburst of bad temper over the references to the Kennedy case, because defeated malice is always aroused by a sight of that which caused its discomfiture. The premier, as attorney-general, cut a most pitiable figure in connection with the persecution of the Columbian publishers, and he knows that the developments in the Nova Scotia parallel case tend to discredit his position still further. So nobody will begrudge him his column flag in the Colonist; his abuse of the Columbian and the Times after all appears comparatively mild when the circumstances are taken into account. But we have one fault to find with the premier's effusion. When he took the trouble to elaborate a defence for himself he might have offered the public some explanation in regard to that promise to test the powers of the legislature. The promise was definitely made in open court when the case of the Kennedys was up for argument. The premier cannot now ignore it, for he would simply confess that he made the promise only for the purpose of dodging a decision at that time. There is already a very strong suspicion in that direction. The Columbian's course, and the Kennedys' course, and the Times' course are altogether aside from this question of whether the premier made that promise in good faith and whether he now means to carry it out. On all antecedent questions the public mind has long been made up, and the premier can manufacture yards on yards of choice literature for the Colonist without a shadow of a chance of influencing its judgment. The briefest summing up is that the legislative assembly was badly advised in prostituting its assumed power of punishment for contempt to the persecution of political opponents of the government. When it has shown itself capable of such a display of malevolence and tyranny the public is much interested in knowing definitely whether it is really possessed of the power it assumed.

Several English alarmists have been earnestly striving to work up a scare over the condition of the British navy, with the object of securing the construction of practically a new fleet. There is only too much reason to agree with the suspicion that most of these worthies have merely in view the embarrassment of the government, for the building of additional ships is no easy task with a falling revenue. Clemenceau's organ, Justice, seems to be playing a similar game in France. It is a pity, as Labouchere remarks, that the alarmists cannot be made to foot the bills for the unnecessary operations that result from their intrigues.

The reports concerning the Brazilian rebellion are even more confused and indefinite than the ordinary run of South American news. It seems pretty certain, however, that Mello will fail, after causing a large amount of bloodshed, damage to property and trouble in general. But the "Latin American" would hardly find life worth living without a spice of revolution.

The Essentials of Education.

The ability to earn a living, to fulfil the primary duties of citizenship, respect for the rights of others, the possession of a sound mind in a sound body, are powers which are the result of obedience to physiological and moral laws by the individual and his ancestors. The essentials of education are first to know what these physiological and economical laws are; and secondly to have opportunity and to form the habit of obeying them. After this may come other ornamental and less useful matters, and the less developed the intellectual endowments of a child the less room there will be for those purely ornamental subjects, and the more should his attention be claimed for the essentials. Our existing systems of school education ignore all this. A great deal of the grammar, classics, not colloquially taught, scraps of modern and ancient history of doubtful truth, elementary mathematics and accomplishments as taught at schools is absolutely useless in the making of efficient men and women to do the real work of life, and is so much pure waste of time. We should throw the greater part of this curriculum overboard, or, at any rate, give precedence to such incomparably important matters as the practical teaching of hygiene, the development of the senses and bodily powers by proper exercises, domestic and social economy, languages taught as an imitative and practical art, social and civil duty, and the training of the aesthetic faculties by music, drawing and contact with outdoor or natural life and beauty. Suppose an ordinary parent were to cut this out and send it to the schoolmaster who has charge of his boys, with a request that the plans sketched should be carried out, what reception would his letter obtain?—Dr. J. H. Fleming.

Bedroom Walls.

The tendency of the time is to separate the bedroom from the rest of the house; so give it lighter colors; to allow within it full scope for individual fancy; to hang it with lace and delicate stuffs; to exclude all seriousness and gloom; to make of it a nest, a place of rest where pleasant dreams flourish and tender colors hold sway; to hang within it no pictures of worth; to display there no articles of virtu; but to make it a spot sweet, attractive, inviting and attractive as a whole. And so its walls are hung with greater license than those of formal rooms. They are made attractive and lovely in themselves.

The dado is altogether banished; the frieze is brought well down upon the wall; conventionalized flowers are allowed to trail about; graceful designs are sought. No attempt at subduing the wall into a mere background is made, and only the dainty furniture stands against them and claims their support. The picture as a whole is made sweet and inviting. And if some few critics cry and carp out that it is wrong, let them build up rooms that are better suited to their needs and that offer more tempting repose. For while it is beyond dispute that flowered papers do not make perfect backgrounds, they do make parts of an attractive whole.

Others, less well suited to such rooms, can be found to serve where sitting and sleeping rooms are combined, and where pictures will be hung or the walls otherwise decorated. But for the room that induces sleep, that lulls the senses to rest, that is designed for a bedroom and bedroom only, the dainty flowered papers and the papers of bright yet tender tone are good despite the apparent paradox, and despite the law that pronounces walls a background only, which in all other rooms should be obeyed.—Harper's Bazar.

An Old Time Cricketer.

The Rev. R. S. Holmes, the Yorkshire vicar who writes the "Notches" in Cricket, has had an interview with the oldest living county cricketer in England. This is Tom Adams, who was born at Gravesend in 1809, and has lived there ever since. Adams was a contemporary of such old-time worthies as Lord Frederick Beauclerk, Beldham and Lambert, and played cricket long before George Parr. Caffyn and other heroes of the middle of the century had been heard of. For more than 20 years he played in the famous Kentish eleven, that was able to meet and defeat all England, in company with Mr. Alfred Mynn, Fuller Pilch, Wenman, Hillyer and others. It was Adams who started the Bat and Ball ground at Gravesend in 1845. The old cricketer is still able to get about and retains all his faculties, so that Mr. Holmes was able to get some very interesting reminiscences.—Western Mail.

Town Talk.

The sale of toys and Xmas gifts at Russell & McDonald's.

ALL SORTS.

Queen Victoria's descendants will in the natural course of events sit on the following thrones, either already occupied or to be occupied by them: Great Britain and India, Germany (Prussia), Hesse-Darmstadt, Saxe-Cobourg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningin, Greece. Assuming that the czarowitz really intends to marry the Princess Alice, the vast empire of Russia will have to be added to the list. It may be stated here that, in addition to the countries named, Queen Victoria is closely connected by family relationship with the king of the Belgians, and that she is also connected through the marriages of her children and otherwise with the ruling houses of Russia, Holland, Denmark, and through Denmark with Sweden, Norway and Baden, and also with other European sovereigns. Her near relative, the Duke of Cumberland, is a claimant to the throne of Hanover, and it is probable that there is hardly a non-Catholic sovereign house in Europe with which Queen Victoria is not related either by blood or marriage. And the same may be said, more remotely, of Catholic royal houses. The late Dom Pedro, emperor of Brazil, was also related to Queen Victoria through the Cobourg family.—New York Press.

The legal profession, or at all events a considerable portion of that estimable body, has adopted an attitude of comparative hostility towards the London Chamber of Arbitration. It was, indeed, scarcely to be expected otherwise but after all is said and done it will be the commercial community that will make or mar the success of the London Chamber, and any others that may be established. The London Chamber of Arbitration is the outcome of a desire on the part of business men for an expeditious and economical means of disposing of commercial disputes; it is the result of the arbitration movement that has steadily been making progress during many years past. For a long time, in many trades and in various circumstances, arbitration has ousted the jurisdiction of the courts, and little more has been done in the establishment of such institutions as the London Chamber than systematizing and facilitating the means of reference. Arbitration can never fully enter into conflict with the law courts, but the exigencies of modern business have rendered it necessary, and as such it is a valuable acquisition to the dilatory process of law.—Drapers' Record.

Prof. St. George Mivart explains, in the December number of the Nineteenth Century, his submission to the decrees of the Congregations of the Index and Inquisition against his articles on "Happiness in Hell." The word "happiness" no longer finds a place in his allusions to these articles. He says that "being convinced that a belief in an eternal hell is a most reasonable belief and that the church's doctrine fully accords with right reason, the highest morality and the greatest benevolence, he did his best to show that such was evidently the case. But, he adds, the method I employed was unfortunate. He also says "my meaning concerning the possible unconsciousness, as to certain conditions concerning their future state, of some souls was also strangely misunderstood." He resents, however, some of the comments that have been made on his submission, points out that publications are placed on the Index for many reasons, and may be there without containing any doctrinal error; that no retraction has been demanded of him and that no assertion of his has been censured. "Nevertheless," he says, "I have submitted, and do, and will, submit, 'ex animo,' to the decree."

An investigation, says the London Drapers' Record, made by Dr. Wheatly, medical officer of health for Blackburn, into the epidemic of influenza prevailing in that borough has yielded startling results. He has obtained returns from mills employing 17,000 people, out of whom 1,450 are down with the malady. This gives a percentage of 8.5, and that applied to the whole town would mean 10,000 cases in the borough. These statistics relate to the last three weeks, during which there have been eleven deaths only, showing that neither the disease nor its complications are nearly so fatal as in previous epidemics.

The Queen has now 57 descendants, of whom four are or have been sovereigns—the Empress Frederick, the Emperor William, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Grand Duke of Hesse. Nine others are heirs apparent or consorts of heirs apparent—the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, the German Crown Prince, Prince Albert of Edinburgh, Prince George of Greece, the new-born Prince of Roumania, the Princess Ferdinand, the hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen and late Duchess of Sparta. With these the late Grand Duchess of Hesse may be remembered.

The best woman rider in America is Mrs. Beach, teacher of the exclusive riding club, of which the Webbs, Vanderbilts and all the remaining "One Hundred and Fifty" are members. Mrs. Beach never had a riding lesson in her life—she "took to it" as a duck to water.

It will be a relief to coming brides who can lay any claim to a gift from the English Queen to notice that she has of late departed from the Indian shawl tradition and bestowed other wedding gifts. To a bride of last month who wedded an English earl the Queen gave a silver tea service, an innovation that has aroused comment among her people.

Welsh Love of Music.

Every church and chapel in every village and town has its choir, often numbering sixty, seventy or a hundred voices, and every choir has its musical prodigies, leaders of parts, mayhap, who have never had a lesson in music in their lives, or some uncouth colliers or tip-girls, with voices which, had they been trained and developed, might have made of them great singers. District after district has its "united choral union," which will take up the study of some work of the great masters, and deliver it at an annual concert or Christmas festival, not in the pale, flickering, dispassionate style which is so characteristic of some English choirs, but with rugged fire and intensity. I have had the good fortune to hear the great oratorios rendered under the most brilliant conditions that talent and culture could produce in this, the most talented and cultured of all metropoles, but I have never heard the majestic roll of the hallelujah chorus or the matchless melodies of the "Elijah" rendered with such soul and nerve and eloquence as by an obscure "united choir," led by workingman in a village among the hills of Glamorganshire. Rough, if you will; ruggedly vehement and impetuous, but rough with the roughness of unpolished genius, impetuous with the impetuosity of mountain torrents.

The force of it, the emotional fervor, the richness of volume, the tone and timbre of it—these are things not to be forgotten. The same qualities in a lesser degree may be observed in the singing of any small chapel choir inside the boundaries of Wales. You shall never hear such singing as you may hear on quiet Sunday evenings from some Welsh hillside sanctuary by a choir of working lads and lasses, conducted by some rough-and-ready, unkempt, self-taught musician. Music, then, we assert, is the very soul and kernel of the Welsh nature. A musical ear is the national birthright. Every Welsh preacher who migrates to an English church finds the greatest difficulty in abstaining from that weird, peculiar intonation of his sermons which is known as the howl, and which is often strange and objectionable to English ears. Another remarkable and subtle fact which will be interesting to English readers and at the same time significant of the sensitiveness of the Welsh musical ear is that it is positive discord to many among the Welsh congregations if the minister, in "giving out" the first verse of the hymn, does not so pitch his voice that it shall be in harmony with the key in which the tune has preliminarily been played by the instrumentalist.—Westminster Gazette.

Rap on the Wall.

A man who lives half way between Fifty-ninth street and Harlem, New York spent last summer in town alone in a big brown-stone house with two servants. He likes to sit up late at night writing. At 2 o'clock the other morning he finished a batch of letters he thought important, and wishing to catch the early mail he started out in smoking jacket and slippers. As soon as he had closed the front door behind him he remembered that he had left his keys in the side pocket of his street coat. He posted the letters at the street corner, went back and rang the bell. The house, as silent as the tomb, gave back mocking echoes of the gong that jingled in the basement as he pushed the button. The servants on the fourth floor both slept on unmindful.

"I've pushed the button until my thumb is sore," said he to the policeman under the nearest elevated station. "What shall I do?" The "cop" went back with him, and they made futile efforts with the officer's bunch of keys to unlock the street door. The policeman gave it up. The locked-out man went in despair to look for a drink. On his way he met a Herald man returning home from work and told him his plight. "Easy enough to get in," said the latter. On the way the reporter picked up a loose stone the size of one's fist. "Not going to break a window, are you? I would not like to do that," said the homeless one, anxiously. "Never fear," was the reply.

The reporter climbed the stoop and rapped once, twice, thrice, quite gently with the stone against the brown-stone front wall. The effect was surprising—even startling. Windows in three or four houses on either side were thrown up and as many heads were stuck out of the windows inquiring in portuguese accents what had happened. A very sleepy maid servant looked out of the exile's home. "Oh, it's you, Mr. Arthur! I thought burglars were getting in. I'll let you in at once." "Confound Mr. Arthur!" sang out a middle-aged neighbor. "I thought a bomb had been exploded in my parlor. If people can't get home at decent hours"—and bang! went his and the other windows.

"You can hardly hear it from the street, but it sounds like an earthquake inside the house—that rap on the wall. It's an old trick found useful by the reporters sent out late at night to wake up some prominent citizen when important news requires that he be seen at once. The leaden butt of cabby's whip is the favorite weapon."—New York Herald.

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The Hydrograph.

A very interesting test of a new method of signaling through water has been made in England. The system is the invention of Capt. Neale, and is intended for the exchange of messages and the carrying on of a conversation between ships on the sea or on rivers, whether moving or stationary, or between ships or lighthouses and harbors, forts and piers on the shore. Communication is effected without any connection whatever between the two objects, except the body of water in which the ships float or the lighthouse stands, the water being the sole medium through which the message is transmitted. The system, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, utilizes a well-known law of acoustics. If a musical note in a given key be sounded an object capable of emitting sound in the same key will, under certain conditions, sympathetically respond with a sound similar to that which induced it, it being, of course, a primary condition that the two objects shall be normally tuned to unison. Capt. Neale's invention is based on this principle, utilising the high conductivity on water for the transmission of sound. In the recent test the apparatus was mounted on two punts, moored about two-thirds of a mile apart, and carrying a transmitter and a receiver respectively.

The transmitter consists of a bell about sixteen inches in diameter attached to the lower end of a framing which is fixed in the side of the punt, at the upper end of which is a crank handle. The handle, worked from the punt, actuates a double-beat hammer, which strikes and sounds a bell submerged about six feet.

The Morse code is employed, a quarter turn of the handle being given for the dots of the code and a whole revolution for the dashes.

The receiving apparatus consists of a pair of metalic drums about ten inches in diameter, open at one end and fixed mouth to mouth upon a piece of board placed between them. These drums, suspended in the water, and connected up with a small battery, and through it with a tape-recording instrument messages were correctly transmitted and recorded.

The speed of operating was somewhat slow, and the signaling had to be carried on by hand instead of electricity, which will shortly be utilized. The trial, however, was most successful, and is said to have demonstrated the practical character of this invention and the correctness of the principle upon which it is based.

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—Fine English table cutlery at Fox's

—Turkey raffle at the London Saloon to-night.

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—The butchers have commenced decorating for Christmas.

—A fine line of Sheffield carvers in cases just opened at Fox's, 78 Government street.

—Metropolitan Methodist church annual Sunday school festival will be held next Tuesday.

—There were several initiations at Victoria lodge, K. of P., last night. First and third ranks to-night at Far West meeting.

—Charles Browne and Ada Hosking were married Wednesday night by Rev. Percival Jenns. They received many presents.

—A tramway line is to be built from the Silver King mine to Nelson and smelters erected. The current Gazette gives notice thereof.

—Letters of registration have been issued for the Northern Belle mining company. Place of business, Kaslo. Capital stock, $250,000 in $10 shares.

—Methodist missionary society held its annual meeting last night in Metropolitan Methodist church. Good attendance. Encouraging reports were read.

—The members of the Frank Daniels company left for the Sound this morning on the City of Kingston. They swelled her passenger list considerably.

—The Nelson Hydraulic Mining Company will take over the mining lease and rights of J. T. Hume, Joseph F. Ritchie and George W. Richardson. Capital stock, $100,000. Shares $5.

—The Victoria Chemical Company has been constituted a limited liability. Capital stock $100,000. Shares $50. Directors: J. W. Fisher, J. A. Hall, Frederick Moore and Walter Morris, all of Victoria.

—In commission. Lange & Co., jewelers, Douglas street, have just received a fine assortment of goods for the holidays, for which they are asking very low prices, so as to dispose of them by the first of January.

—The Boston Bar Gold Mining Company has been established. Capital, $50,000. Shares, $10. Directorate: Daniel R. Young, builder; Albert F. Griffiths, bookkeeper, and William R. Robertson, accountant, all of Vancouver.

—The Paragon Oil Company is now supplying the beautiful Paragon Oil can filled with Pratt's Astral Oil at $1.50 per can, and the Paragon Oil in Paragon can at $1.65. The new office is at 51 Yates street, next door to Poodle Dog.

—The Shuswap Milling Company has been incorporated. Capital, $100,000 in $250 shares. The new company will take over the business of the Shuswap Milling company, the Kamloops waterworks and the Greely Creek Shingle Company.

—Gazette provincial appointments: Charles A. R. Lambly, to be gold commissioner for part of Yale district, vice M. Lumby, deceased; James D. Byrne, to be official administrator for Vancouver district; Wm. V. Bowron, to be assayer at Barkerville; and S. Y. Wootton, of Victoria, to be registrar of joint stock companies for the province.

—The Local Municipal Improvement system was discussed at the meeting of the Diocesan Literary Association in the Board of Trade building last night. Bishop Perrin, Ald. Belyea, B. Williams, Rev. Mr. Taylor, and Messrs. Scaife, Colton, Bostock and Hinton took part. Archdeacon Scriven presided. Next meeting Jan. 4th in Cathedral school room.

—Some Xmas gifts are of no practical value and although they may be costly are not much appreciated by their fair recipients, but this never happens when buyers have the good sense to select their presents at the Westside. Kid gloves and cambric handkerchiefs are specialties. Furs, and fur-lined cloaks and gloves in great variety. Prices right.

—The coasting steamer Mermaid struck an unmarked rock in Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring island. She was floated off and taken to Chemainus, where she is being repaired by Capt. Glaholm. She was to have left here yesterday for Nanaimo and the islands but of course could not. A number who were to have taken passage on her were disappointed.

—Under the draft salmon fishery regulations sent from Ottawa to obtain the views of the canners, there is no limit to the total number of licenses that may be issued. Each bona fide fisherman who is a British subject is entitled to one and the cost is reduced from $20 to $10. Each cannery is entitled to 20 fishing licenses. For the rest it will have to employ or buy salmon from fishermen who have licenses of their own. Settlers who want to net salmon for family use can get a domestic license for $2 a year.

—One more business day before Christmas. Secure something good at Weiler Bros.

—Canton Victoria, No. 1, P.M., meets this evening in I.O.O.F. hall, Douglas street.

—The securing uniformity in fire policies does not come into operation till April 1st.

Weiler Bros. wish all their friends and patrons a very merry Christmas and a bright New Year.

—Arthur Cartwright and Miss Martha Akerman, of Salt Spring Island, were married last Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents.

—The Mayne Island court of revision of assessment appeal meets Saturday, J. G. Powell presiding.

—There was no eastern mail last night. The train was 5 hours late, and the Premier did not wait.

—The Gazette of yesterday contains the memorandum of association of the Merchants' Exchange Club.

—Look in and see Weiler's stock before purchasing elsewhere for they offer the best value for your money.

—The tea plantation scene in the Victoria Tea House, opposite the postoffice, is attracting the crowd and it is well worth a trip down town to see it.

—What do you need for Christmas? Whatever it may be you can get it at Weiler Bros. Remember to-morrow is the last opportunity before Christmas.

—The members of No. 2 Company, B. C. B. G. A., paraded at the drill hall last evening to receive their pay. Only those members who attended the inspection are entitled to pay.

—"How to be saved" was the subject of discourse of Rev. O. B. Read, in Emmanuel Baptist church last night. The preacher dealt with the Biblical story of the Passover. Another meeting to-night.

A writer of judgment and wit has somewhere said that "there are good persons with whom it will be soon enough to be acquainted in heaven." But there are individuals with whom it is no common privilege to be acquainted on earth.

—The Clayoquot Fishing and Trading Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $15,000 in $100 shares. Trustees: Alfred Magnesen, Cecil Fletcher and Robert A. Cunningham, all of Victoria.

—F. W. Van Sicklin, formerly with George Russell, has purchased the new Driard baths and tonsorial parlors at 19 Trounce avenue. The new proprietor of the Driard baths will be glad to see his many friends at his new stand. The prices have been reduced from 25 to 15 cents for shaving.

The kings of Sardinia formerly described themselves as "by the grace of God, king of Sardinia, France, Spain and England, of Italy and Jerusalem, of Greece and Alexandria, of Hamburg and Sicily, Ruler of the Midway Sea, Master of the Deep, King of the Earth, Protector of the Holy Land."

At a devotional meeting in England the other day one of the ministers is stated to have used the following expressions, which are certainly peculiar: "Oh, God, remember the poor ministers on starving pittances in these colliery districts!" "Lord, make their much-worn garments last even a year longer!"

Krupp employs 16,000 men, who with their families number 60,000, constituting the bulk of the population of Essen, while over 3,000 are located at various branch works, and the total number benefited by the numerous charitable and philanthropic enterprises of the firm is estimated at 25,200 workmen, and, with their families, 87,900 persons.

—The new stations of the cross for St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church have just arrived and are being placed in position. They are oil paintings of a superior order in black frames. The painting was done in Paris; the frame work was turned out from the factory of Schl-Hastie-Erskine. The stations were purchased by the Young Ladies' Institute, and were purchased from the proceeds of the late bazaar.

—The Philharmonic hall on Fort street will no longer be known by that name. It is now the Theatre Royal, and will be occupied by a stock company of recognized professional actors and actresses, who will present a double bill of standard plays every week henceforth. On New Year's Day the company will play the well-known piece, "Phoenix," at a matinee and in the evening. The manager of the company says the theatre will be conducted as a family amusement resort on first-class principles and at popular prices.

—Many Victoria merchants are displaying taste and skill in the matter of window-dressing for the holidays. Some beautiful displays are made in the windows of Weiler Bros., Henry Saunders, Gilmore & McCandless, Cochrane & Munn, Erskine, Wall & Co. W. G. Cameron has an imitation of the Ferris wheel in one of his windows. The Victoria tea house, opposite the postoffice, has a miniature Chinese tea-garden, with the laborers and apparatus for drying, etc., in and around the tiny buildings. Davidson Bros, Charles E. Redfern and Pennock & Lowe also have attractive displays.

—Tomlly, west coast Indian, was fined $5 and costs in the police court for being drunk.

—It is probable the remaining wooden building on the suspect grounds will be burned in a few days.

—John Coley, drunk, was taken to the lock-up this afternoon. He was lying down in Chatham street gutter.

—Ah Yun, who keeps a Chinese wash house, has been summoned to appear in the police court for not paying his license.

—News comes from Salt Spring Island of a sad accident that befel a man named Clark. Clark was felling a tree; he did not allow for the wind, which was blowing hard, and the tree fell crushing him beneath it.

—In the police court this morning John Morris was charged with stealing $50, a silver watch and an overcoat from Peter, an Indian. Morris consented to be tried by Magistrate Macrae and the case was adjourned till Saturday for the prosecution to work up their case. Morris pleaded not guilty.

—Robert Williams was released from jail yesterday after serving two weeks for drunkenness. Early this morning Williams was again brought in acting queerly. He was examined by a medical man this morning and pronounced not altogether sound. Another examination will be held before Williams is sent to Westminster.

—J. A. Matherson, the owner of the sealing schooner Lizzie Colby, is in town. Mr. Matherson will take back with him the plunder stolen from the schooner by the three pirates who are now behind the prison bars. The sheriff of Anacortes is expected to arrive in the city on Saturday to take them back to the American side to answer for their crime.

—James Owen was convicted in the provincial police court of non-support of his wife and children. Owen has only contributed $127 during the year towards the support of his family, which, including his wife, numbers six. Evidence was given that Owen went on periodical sprees, neglected his work and lost it. His wife asked that he be not sent to jail. Magistrate Macrae granted the petition and ordered Owen to be discharged. Owen had previously given a promise that he would reform.

—Thomas Prospero and John Lustro were charged in the police court this morning with assaulting John Smith. The assault occurred at 4 o'clock last Thursday afternoon. Prospero came up to Smith on Store street and accused him of taking his place on the sealing schooner Brenda. The men then fought, Lustro helping Prospero. They were separated, but Smith sustained several painful wounds in the head and face. Prospero then rushed on Smith with a knife. The Italian was soon disarmed.

—President Barnes and Secretary Mason of the B. C. Benevolent Society are busy again to-day distributing among the poor and needy the donations of food and clothing brought by the school children to the charity headquarters in the vacant store in the Kirk block on Douglas street. They have still plenty of goods on hand, but there is a call for all that can be supplied. All connected with the project, and especially the little ones who took such an interest and gave so freely, are entitled to the greatest credit for the good done.

STROEBEL'S TRIAL.

What It Cost the Province to Try Stroebel—His Confession.

Albert Stroebel has cost the province of British Columbia about $10,000. The last trial, including the fees and expenses of the small army of witnesses, pay of jurors and the time of the officials, cost nearly $7,000. The last of the witnesses including Lizzie Bartlett, left for the mainland last night. Miss Bartlett attended the performance of "Little Puck" at the Victoria theatre last night. Before leaving she stated to Supt. Hussey that Marshall never talked in a way indicating tender feelings on his part; in fact he scarcely ever saw her. The story told by Stroebel on that point is therefore further discredited by the police. Stroebel, in accounting for the $10 bill found beside Marshall says he had it in his pocket when the killing took place, the murdered man having given it to him earlier to purchase tools with. He says he did not want to carry it away with him and threw it down beside the body. The fish story was partly correct. He says he did catch three fish, but it was at noon. He carried them home as related by him and Lizzie Bartlett, as he did his fishing rod. The bruise on his knee was made by a blow while they struggled for a chair with which Marshall first attacked him. The boy put the house in order before leaving, and twenty times on the road he stopped to think. He says he knew positively no one could swear he was the murderer, he feared that his story would be disbelieved and his line of defense was made up. How faulty the story was and the contradictions the prisoner involved himself in are now well known. The lawyers have given a good deal of consideration to the case, particularsince the close of the trial. The case as it now stands is without parallel in the province, owing to the peculiar time the confession was made. Papers will probably be drawn up and forwarded to Ottawa within the next ten days.

A Magnificent Sight.

The display of toys in Russell & McDonald's lower store.

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HOSPITAL AND GYMNASIUM.

The Late J. D. Pemberton Leaves $2000 to the Jubilee Hospital.

The late J. D. Pemberton remembered the school children and the Jubilee Hospital in his will which was recently filed for probate. He bequeathed $3000 to be used in fencing and improving the central public school ground and erecting a gymnasium thereon. Mayor Beaven this morning received from F. B. Pemberton, one of the executors of the estate, official notice of the bequest. The clause of the will referring to it reads: "To the corporation of the city of Victoria, for the purpose of improving and fencing the public school grounds on Fort street, and erecting thereon a first-class gymnasium, to be called the Pemberton gymnasium, $3000." As the fences and grounds are in good order the bulk of the bequest will be used for the gymnasium, work on which will be commenced as soon as the fine weather commences.

The $2000 bequeathed to the Jubilee Hospital is to be used for general purposes.

A FINE DISPLAY.

What the B. C. Cattle Co. Shows for the Christmas Trade.

At the large shop of the B. C. Cattle company at the corner of Government and Yates streets is one of the finest Christmas displays in the city. The choicest beef, pork, mutton and game are there shown in a most attractive manner. The central figure is a feast for the eyes. It is a great Berkshire pig weighing, dressed, 663 pounds. The animal was raised at Brandon and fattened here. Few who pass fail to stop and survey the monster. Then on either side of the store are hung the beef, mutton and game. The store was crowded with patrons when a Times man visited it this afternoon. "We have not made a particular effort," said General Manager D. W. Gillies, who is down from Vancouver, "but I guess the display will be counted as a good one. Our prize pig has attracted a deal of attention. It is not especially large but grew at a remarkably rate. Our beef is all from Nicola and our mutton from Chilcotin. We are an institution of the province and believe doing all we can for it. It was held here some time ago that we could not raise sheep, but all of our sheep are raised here from bands imported from Oregon in 1891. Our experience with them has been very satisfactory."

No one should miss seeing the display of the company, which is one of the solid concerns of the province and worthy of patronage.

Sale of Horses.

Both rocking and shoo fly at Russell & McDonald's, opposite the iron church, Douglas street.

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Prang's art copies and Christmas cards reduced one-half, art books reduced one-third. Johnston's bookstore.

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OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS.

Various Forms in Getting the Testimony of Persons of Different Faiths.

Ever since there have been courts martial particular stress has been placed upon the matter of administering the oath to the witnesses. In order that it may be binding and the loophole of informality may be, as far as possible, reduced, it has been the custom to swear witnesses in the manner considered most binding in their native lands. The march of civilization has, in this instance, tended toward accepting the methods for Protestants and Roman Catholics employed in this country as those best suited to impress upon a witness the solemnity and significance of the oath, though there are occasions when it became necessary to resort to other methods.

All court martial witnesses who are Protestants are sworn by laying their right hand, ungloved, on the Bible, closed or open, while the oath is recited. Kissing the book is frequently desired in addition to the laying on of the hand. Raising the right hand and keeping it raised during the recital of the oath is also a form adopted by a number. There are many who prefer to affirm rather than to swear, and those are accommodated by saying: "You do solemnly affirm," instead of "solemnly swear," the right hand being raised or placed on the Bible as before. Formerly it was required to place the right hand on the open evangelists.

In swearing Roman Catholics the Bible is closed and has marked on the outer cover a cross, generally cut out of some white paper and pasted on. Sometimes a crucifix is placed upon it, which the witness, after the oath is recited, kisses when there is any suspicion in the mind of the president of the court martial or in that of any of its members. The witness, if a Roman Catholic, after kissing the cross, is frequently directed to cross himself.

For convenience, the oaths to be administered by the president of the court to the judge advocate of the court, and to the witnesses that are called before it to give testimony, are often written out on paper and pasted on one of the covers of the Bible, so as to be at hand to refresh the memory of him whose duty it is to administer the oath.

The Jews are customarily sworn by the five books of Moses and the great God of Israel, that the evidence they give shall be truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Frequently, however, there is no departure in the methods used with this race from that which ordinarily obtains.

The statutes in the time of George IV., king of England, contain several sections in relation to the administration of the oath in various cases, and among them are one or two referring to the Quakers as well as to the Moravians. These statutes have been embraced in our own methods of procedure, and they allow people of the sects named solemnly, sincerely and truly to declare and affirm that the evidence which they give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and so forth.

The Scotch covenanters have always held that holding up the right hand is sufficiently binding, consequently they do not think it at all necessary either to place the hand upon the Bible or to kiss the holy book.

Mohammedans think the oath only positively binding when they are sworn upon the Koran, while the Hindoo prefers to swear by touching with his hand the foot of a Brahmin.

In this country the Chinese do not insist upon the same methods that were once in force. Very likely the chinaware dealers wish they did, as they are so much more numerous than when the following was their custom: In England, at the Old Bailey prison, a Chinaman was presented as a witness in an important case, and for some time the nature of an oath and all that it implied could not be impressed upon him. Neither could the authorities quite make out just what the Mongolian did consider binding. Finally, through the aid of an interpreter, it was decided to break a saucer over the head of the proposed witness. When this was done the Chinaman appealed to the supreme being whom he worshipped, praying that his own body might be broken into as many pieces as the saucer if the testimony he was about to give was not the entire truth.

As a general thing, in courts martial held in foreign waters, where native witnesses are required to give evidence, and particularly where such persons are not of the Christian faith, care is taken to ascertain and adopt the ceremony of the religions of the witnesses respectively. It is also considered a wise plan, especially in important cases, that a priest of the creed of the witnesses be present, when the oath is administered, to give it greater force and sanctity.

A New Telegraph.

The new telegraphic printing instrument, recently perfected, threatens not only to supersede the telephone as at present employed, but to revolutionize telegraphy in general. It is the result of the joint efforts of several eastern inventors who have thus produced what they consider a masterpiece of ingenious mechanism.

In appearance the instrument resembles an ordinary typewriter surmounted by a glass case containing electric machinery. It is operated by simply pressing the keys. Every instrument is both a transmitter and a receiver. Each key when depressed sets a small rachet wheel in revolution, and each tooth of the wheel makes an electrical contact, causing the transmission of a current through the circuit. The current is used alternate, and each wheel excites a definite number. At the receiving instrument a similar wheel to that operated on responds to the number of currents so excited, and to no other number, thus insuring accuracy of signaling.

The message struck off upon the keys of the transmitter is printed upon a sheet of paper by the receiver, and this is done without necessitating the presence of an operator at the receiving end. The receiving instruments may, in fact, be in a locked box, if privacy is desired. No tapping of the wires between two such instruments is possible, it is said, as the electric vibrations caused by the depression of the keys do not correspond to any code of signalling in use, and their rapidity is too great to permit of counting. It is not intended that any instruments shall be sold except to telegraph companies and railroads.

When the system gets into use it will never be necessary to use the voice. The pressure of a button will call up central as in the telephone systems, but it will do more, as it will register the number of the subscriber who calls. When the clerk at the central station is ready to connect an inquiry will be sent to the caller, who will in reply print the number of the subscriber he wishes to communicate with. The clerk will then make the connection and the message can be transmitted and registered whether the recipient be present at the moment or not. There will be no need to shout one's self hoarse trying to make central understand what is wanted, nor to take half the population of a twelve-story office building into your confidence as to the private matter you wish to discuss with your correspondent. The telegraphic printer insures not only strict accuracy, but secrecy as well.

On the railways the use of this instrument will facilitate both particular and general messages. Every instrument on a line car register a communication intended to be general, or, if only one station is to hear it a signal to that effect can cause all the rest to disconnect. Similarly in the transmission of news items it will be possible for a central agency by a single operation to send out a perfect copy of each item to every newspaper office in direct connection with it, irrespective of number and distance. As to the speed of transmission, it will be simply a question as to the speed of the typewriter who sends the message. As fast as the keys of the transmitter can move those of the receivers, no matter how few or how many, will respond."—Boston Journal.

His Tombstone the Festive Table.

One of the curiosities of West Linton, Peeblesshire, consisted in a marble tombstone in the parish churchyard, over the grave of James Oswald, of Spittal, a property among the Pentland hills, now included in the estate of Newhall.

Oswald possessed a hall table of marble at which he conducted his festivities. He desired that it might be used as the monument over his grave, and with this view caused an inscription in Latin to be executed on the table by way of an epitaph, which came into use sooner than was expected.

When going out to shoot wild ducks at Slipperfield loch Mr. Oswald was accidentally shot by his servant, who was walking behind him with his gun, and he thus died while still a young man in 1726. His widow, a daughter of Russell of Kingseat, followed out his wishes by placing the table over his grave. Subjoined is a translation of the epitaph, including the additions made to it by the bereaved wife:

"To James Oswald, of Spittal, her deserving husband, this monument was erected by Grizzel Russell, his sorrowing wife.

"This marble table, sitting at which I have often cultivated good living (propitiated my tutelar genius) I have desired to be placed over me when dead. Stop, traveller, whoever thou art here thou mayest recline, and if the means are at hand mayest enjoy this table as I formerly did.

"If thou dost so in the right and proper way thou wilt neither desecrate the monument nor offend me. Farewell.

"Lived 30 years and died Nov. 28th, 1726."

This curious monument, after falling to ruin, ultimately disappeared from the burying ground, having, it is said, been furtively carried off and sold for its value as a block of marble.

Superstition About Babies.

In Ireland a belt made of woman's hair is placed about a child to keep harm away, says Babyhood, and garlic, salt, bread and steak are put into the cradle of a new-born baby in Holland.

Roumanian mothers tie red ribbons around the ankles of their children to preserve them from harm, while Esthonian mothers atach bits of assafoetida to the necks of their offspring.

Welsh mothers put a pair of tongs or a knife in the cradle to insure the safety of their children; the knife is also used for the same purpose in some parts of England.

Among Vosges peasants children born at a new moon are supposed to have their tongues better hung than others, while those born at the last quarter are supposed to have less tongue but better reasoning powers. A daughter born during the waxing moon is always precocious.

At the birth of a child in Lower Brittany the neighboring women take it in charge, wash, crack its joints and rub its head with oil to solder the cranium bones. It is then wrapped in a tight bundle and its lips are anointed with brandy to make it a full Breton.

The Grecian mother before putting her child in the cradle turns three times around before the fire while singing her favorite song to ward off evil spirits.

The London mother places a book under the head of the new-born infant that it may be quick at reading, and puts money into the first bath to guarantee its wealth in the future.

The Turkish mother loads her child with amulets as soon as it is born, and a small bit of mud, steeped in hot water, prepared by previous charms, is stuck on its forehead.

In Spain the infant's face is swept with a pine tree bough to bring good luck.

Bernhardt's Costumes.

There are few women to whom the costumes worn by Mme. Sarah Bernhardt in "Les Rois" would be becoming. In the first place Mme. Bernhardt rarely deviates in her style of dressing, which is always graceful and more a la Grecque than anything else. She never wears stays, and her garments, whether for the house or stage, are comfortable as well as artistic, and are usually in colors of white, gray, black or violet—the latter being her favorite. In the second act of "Les Rois" Mme. Bernhardt's dress gives a charming idea of color, being of Parma violet satin, with large full sleeves to the elbow of velvet of miroir velvet. From the elbows to the wrist, and reaching over the hands, the material is tulle, embroidered with gold, turquoise and amethysts. The neck is cut square, finished by a soft silk ruching, and from which falls a tablier, reaching to the hem of the dress, of tulle embroidered with gold, turquoise and amethysts. The back is of velvet satin with train. The third act shows the actress in an exquisite dress of black velvet, with the same style of drapery in front as the one just described, the material being of black net covered with jet and silver spangles. The long mantle worn with this costume is an exquisite creation of black lace covered with tiny jet spangles. In the last act the costume was of purple peau de soie, train and full sleeves, square neck and drapery from the neck to the edge of the black tulle embroidered in black jet.

ALL SORTS.

Quite a number of Montana sheep are being driven northward into the Northwest Territory as far as Macleod and Pincher creek, where they are offered for sale. Messrs. Leech, Cooper, Hopkins and others have taken bands of sheep across the line, where there seems to be a ready sale for the animals. From some of these parties we learn that after paying all expenses of driving and counting in their time, about the same price is netted across the line as in the Chicago market. Ewes seem to be particularly desired by the Canadians.—Benton River Press.

At a meeting of the Toronto Presbytery a resolution was passed favoring radical changes in the hymnology of the church. The scheme which the Presbytery favored means the abolition of the time honored division into psalms, paraphrases and hymns, the omission of many psalms and paraphrases and the incorporation of selections from them in the proposed Book of Praise. Thirty-one, too, of the hymns will be dropped and sixty-four new ones will be added. About eighty-seven portions of psalms will be used, and there will be 549 psalms and hymns, together with fifty-three paraphrases.

The twelve dresses which the town of Lyons has presented to the Empress of Russia are: A dress of palest green velvet, in Henry II style, trimmed with black feathers; a dress of pale dead blue satin embroidered with trails of heliotrope flowers and green leaves; a dress of heliotrope velvet; another of pale blue moire trimmed in such a way with half crushed roses that they look as if they were lightly strewn over it; a gown of cream-colored cut velvet; another of ivory silk, and a satin dress of "sunset" shades that is enough to make any woman who looks at it sick with envy; also one of reddish pink, velvety silk stitched, with gold stars, and, finally, a dress of silk that looks exactly like silver.

The way of the wit is hard. Oscar Wilde, moved by the ready appreciation of the English people, has been led to make some remarks which even his admirers are not applauding. He has been making some observations on the subject of Puritans and the theatre. After devoutly hoping that he would not "be offered a bishopric," Mr. Wilde added, "I expect to see any day in the evening papers, 'Great Discovery in Egypt. Ten more commandments by Oscar Wilde.'"

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RUSSELL'S	12:20	5:26	[illegible]
ESQUIMALT	12:10	5:16	[illegible]
GOLDSTREAM	11:46 A M	4:51	[illegible]
SUMMIT SIDING	11:10	4:22	[illegible]
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	10:50	3:56	[illegible]
COBBLE HILL	10:40	3:46	[illegible]
McPHERSON'S	10:27	3:31	[illegible]
KOKSILAH	10:17	3:21	[illegible]
DUNCAN'S	10:13	3:16	[illegible]
SOMENOS	10:09	3:06	[illegible]
CHEMAINUS	9:36	2:44	[illegible]
OYSTER BAY SIDG	9:15	2:36	[illegible]
NANAIMO	De 8:34		[illegible]
	Ar 8:25	1:45	[illegible]
WELLINGTON	De 8:10	Lv. 1:30	[illegible]

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RUSSELL'S	8:04	2:04	[illegible]
ESQUIMALT	8:14	2:14	[illegible]
GOLDSTREAM	8:38	2:39	[illegible]
SUMMIT SIDING	9:14	3:10	[illegible]
SHAWNIGAN LAKE	9:24	3:26	[illegible]
COBBLE HILL	9:44	3:46	[illegible]
McPHERSON'S	9:57	4:01	[illegible]
KOKSILAH	10:07	4:11	[illegible]
DUNCAN'S	10:12	4:16	[illegible]
SOMENOS	10:23	4:26	[illegible]
CHEMAINUS	10:48	4:48	[illegible]
OYSTER BAY SIDG	11:00	4:55	[illegible]
NANAIMO	Ar. 11:50	5:46	73
	De. 11:59		
WELLINGTON	Ar. 12:14 P M	Ar. 6:00	78

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News of the Week From the Great Mineral Region.

A RICH STRIKE AT AINSWORTH.

It Was Quite Unexpected -- Unsatisfactory Telegraph Service--A Man Who Could not be Killed--The Road in Fine Order.

(Kaslo-Slocan Examiner.)

The last shipment of ore from the Wellington mine, made Nov. 6, amounted to $34791, there being 305 sacks, the gross weight being 35,773 pounds.

The sled road is in magnificent condition and ore hauling has been begun in good earnest. Last Thursday Mr. A. L. Mitchell's outfit brought in 25 tons at one trip, while many other teams are daily bringing in the riches of the Kaslo-Slocan treasure vaults. There is stored at the wharf now nearly 300 tons of ore. Two hundred ton of this is from the south Washington mine, which mine will continue to export until their contract for 1000 tons is filled. Eight ton of ore from the Antelope mine of the Dardanelles group arrived this week and there is 42 tons more coming. The Freddie Lee begun sending out her high grade galena this week, and arrangements have been made with the wharf company to receive 100 tons from this mine within a short time. Four tons of the famous Boulder has been received at the wharf and the remaining 96 tons will arrive as fast as it can be brought to the wagon road. Ore from quite a number of the mines that have never made a shipment yet, is being rawhided out to the wagon road.

D. J. Munn, of the Kaslo & Slocan railway company, was in the city for two or three days during the week, leaving on Thursday morning for the coast. He stated himself well pleased with the progress being made on the clearing and other contracts now going forward on the railway right of way, and said the initial work would be so far advanced that when spring opens the road could be completed in the shortest possible time. The road is now cross-sectioned from Kaslo to a point beyond Sandon creek, and the specifications for the grading and tracklaying contracts are now approaching completion. Mr. Munn was surprised and delighted at the large quantities of ore now being teamed into the city for transhipment, and in conversation with some of the leading mining men he had learned that the prospects of a great mining camp in the Slocan were never so bright as now. He had never met a set of men more sanguine and satisfied than the miners here, and all seemed to be looking forward to the future with unbounded confidence and enthusiasm. Kaslo, he remarked, had had a pretty hard summer, like nearly every other town in the west, but Kaslo appeared to be recovering from the depression much more rapidly than other places. There was more activity and stronger confidence here to-day, he had found, than in about any other town in British Columbia.

Speaking of municipal affairs, he was glad to see that the council was agitating the question of fire protection. The best way to acquire waterworks would be through a private company, because then the city could use its money for other needed public improvements, but if a company scheme could not be floated, then the city should immediately undertake the work itself. It was not the most favorable time just now to float city debentures, but if the effort were tried it might be successful, and if successful, the citizens would reap an immediate advantage by the lessened insurance rates that efficient fire protection would ensure them and the better supply and diminished cost of water for domestic purposes. Before leaving, Mr. Munn stated that he was going to Victoria in the course of a few days, and would see if something could not be done to improve the wretched mail service now given to Southern Kootenay, and it may be remarked if he is successful in this respect he will earn the thanks of the whole district.

Nelson Tribune

The road between Kaslo and New Denver is in splendid condition for traffic, and the stages of the Selkirk Transportation Co. cover the distance in less than seven hours. Fare from Kaslo to New Denver, $4.

The men who supply the people of southern Kootenay with beef earn all the money they make, during the winter months, at least. Burns, McInnes & Co. were 25 days in getting cattle through from Calgary to Three Forks, and "Billy" Perdue has been almost as long in getting seventy odd head through from Kettle river to Nelson.

A good sleigh road has been made from the depot of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway to the business part of Nelson. The road is about a mile long and is an easy grade. C. W. Heath, formerly agent of the Spokane Falls & Northern at Northport, is agent at Nelson and he is now installed in the depot, which is in keeping with the size of the town in which it is located.

As soon as the material can be procured the Kootenay Lake Telephone Co. will build a telephone line from New Denver to Watson, by way of the Mountain Chief mine and Three Forks, and a line from New Denver to Four Mile City.

H. Stevenson, the mining man who infused new life into the camp at Ainsworth, has taken to himself a partner, Miss Lotta Pinkston. The partnership papers were drawn up at Spokane, and Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are expected in Ainsworth any day, where they will reside in future.

The joint tunnel on the Little Phil and Black Diamond claims at Ainsworth is in 80 feet, and the owners of these two properties are just a trifle jubilant, as the tunnel cut a vein of solid ore fully six feet in breadth. It was expected that a vein would be struck in that distance, but as the showing on the surface was not very promising the vein was not expected to be large. The ore is as fine-looking as that of any mine in the district, and runs about 80 ounces of silver and 75 per cent lead. The main vein for which the tunnel is headed should be reached within another sixty feet. "Tom" McGovern and Capt. Hayward own the Little Phil; the Black Diamond is owned by John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Great Northern railway.

It is reported that all the graders will be off the Nakusp & Slocan railway by the middle of January, and that all that will have to be done in the spring is lay the rails.

Three Forks is getting to be quite a town. Twenty-three ore teams come and go through it. It has five stores, two hotels, two meat markets, two barber shops, one drug store, one cigar store and Charley Barnes' bath house.

Telegraphic messages dated Vancouver, Dec. 5th, were delivered at Nelson on the 13th. The new line is as good as no line, all because of an unwillingness to employ a sufficient number of competent line repairers.

The Inland Development & Construction company has acquired an intrest [illegible] creek, on Slocan lake, three and a half miles north of New Denver. Surveyors are platting the land for a townsite. Lots of lots will be on the market within 60 days. A townsite is also being platted at the mouth of Sandon creek, four miles up the south fork of Carpenter creek from Three Forks.

Postoffice Inspector Fletcher has issued an order that all matter for Watson, Three Forks and New Denver be forwarded from Nelson by way of Kaslo, and that the service from the latter place will be a weekly one. Now, Mr. Fletcher, could you not muster up courage to make the service a daily one. The chances are the stage company would carry the mails daily for the same pay that is given for the weekly service, and the accommodation would be appreciated by the public. Think over it, Mr. Fletcher.

If the Nelson & Fort Sheppard train service begins on Tuesday the steamer Columbia will be tied up at Robson, if she can be got over the Kootenay rapids; if she can't she will be tied up at Northport. The Lytton is at Northport being sheathed with iron. On her last trip down she brought two carloads of freight for Nakusp and some for Nelson and lake points. When sheathed, which will be by Monday or Tuesday, she will start up the river again, and it is expected that on her first down trip she will bring all the freight consigned to lake points. She will be kept in commission until all the Inland Development & Construction Company's freight is brought down. The ice jam at "the wigwam" has been so weak that it was considered dangerous to cross teams over it, but the frost of the last three or four nights has made it safe again, and from this time on there will be no delay in forwarding freight so that the Lytton can handle it.

George A. Keefer, one of the best known engineers in the province, has been appointed by the provincial government to inspect the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway and is now on the line. If his report is a favorable one the train service is likely to begin on Tuesday, the 19th, and if it begins then trains will leave Spokane for Nelson at 7 a. m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and leave Nelson for Spokane at 7 a. m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The rates on freight are not given out as yet, but it is understood the rates will be five cents a hundred less than the present rates on all classes. The road will do a paying business from the start, as travel has always been good between lake points and Spokane, and the indications are that the tonnage of ore from the mines in Slocan, Ainsworth and Nelson districts will be well up in the thousand during the winter. The inward freight, too, will be large, as few merchants carry enough goods to last until navigation opens in the spring.

The steam tug Kaslo was wrecked at Kaslo on Tuesday forenoon during a storm. The tug had been engaged to tow a barge-load of horses up to Lardo, and a start was made about 10 o'clock with the barge lashed alongside. When out a short distance it was found that the tug could not be handled, and the barge was dropped astern. Before going far, however, the tow line parted, and the barge was being rapidly driven ashore by the waves. Then an attempt was made to get another line to the barge, but before it could be done the parted line got caught on the propeller and was wound around so rapidly that steam had to be shut off. By this time both tug and barge were dangerously near the rocks at the sampling works point. As the wind was blowing from the south an effort was made to pole the tug around to the north of the point, but the effort ended in failure and the tug went on the rocks. In the afternoon the steamer Nelson offered to tow her off, but the tug's owners were fearful that she would sink, as they believed the hull had been stove in. The storm continued all that day and the next night, and now it is thought the tug is a total loss, as her smokestack and pilot house have both disappeared. The Kaslo was owned by J. K. Buchanan and Robert Yuill, who were both aboard at the time she was wrecked. She was built in 1892 at a cost of $8,000, the machinery being from the John Doty works in Toronto. The storm is said to have been one of the worst ever witnessed on Kootenay lake.

Every available team is now engaged in hauling ore from the mines in Slocan district, and by New Years the output landed at the wharf at Kaslo or at the ore sheds at Three Forks will aggregate 30 tons a day. There are now twenty-three regular freight teams on the road between Three Forks and Kaslo. Geo. W. Hughes is hauling the output of the Idaho, the Mountain Chief and the Noble Five group. He is also making a trail to the Surprise, the claim purchased last week by E. W. Ferguson of Chicago for $60,000, half spot cash. There are over 150 tons of ore sacked at the Surprise, and Hughes has the contract to haul it to Kaslo. The Surprise is adjacent to the Noble Five group, and was located in July, 1892. A man named Jennings and Thomas McGuigan were the owners. Hugh Mann has a contract for hauling 500 tons (and as much more as he can haul) from the Slocan Star to the ore shed at Three Forks. Gilliam & Pond are rawhiding ore from the Washington to the road, where it is forwarded to Kaslo by a teamster named Mitchell.

The following mines are being worked: Freddie Lee, Slocan Star, Eureka, Noonday, Rico, Surprise, Washington, Bonanza King, World's Fair, Sapphire, Alamo, Idaho, Mountain Chief, Dardanelles and Northern Belle. Work was suspended on the Wellington this week, Superintendent Watts and foreman Robb both leaving for the east. Tenders are being asked for a 200-foot tunnel on the Alpha, one of the Grady group. Everything considered, the outlook is good for a large output of ore from the Slocan mines this winter.

The article on the Nakusp & Slocan railway which appeared in the Tribune of Nov. 23rd undoubtedly contained statements displeasing to both the promoters of the railway and the members of the government. The promoters of the railway have the ear of the Vancouver World, and that paper calls the Tribune bad names for daring to even insinuate that the men who are building the road are in a fair way to clean up $300,000 in the job. The members of the government have the ear of the Victoria Colonist, and that old but refined newspaper sits down on the Tribune for daring to print "coarse" libels on the premier. If the premier considers himself libelled he has his remedy at law, but all the refined "twaddle" the Colonist can print will not refute the statement that the profit of building the Nakusp & Slocan will be in the neighborhood of $300,000, and that the profit will be divided among a few spoilsmen who support the present provincial government. If the Tribune's statement has injured the credit of the province, so much the better, for then the credit of the province will not be used for floating bonds to build the British Pacific railway, the Cariboo railway and many other railways in which friends of the government are interested as promoters. The credit of the province is already strained almost to the breaking point.

Whether to incorporate or not to incorporate is the burning question at Nelson. The time has arrived when the people of Nelson should have passable streets and sidewalks, a good system of sewerage and an adequate water supply for fire purposes. These improvements cannot be had as long as the purse strings are held by the provincial government and the railroad company. The railroad company, very naturally, is not disposed to expend more money at Nelson than it would have to pay in taxes if its property was assessable, and the provincial government would be deafened by the howl that would go up from other sections of West Kootenay if any large expenditures were made at Nelson for town improvements.

The annual ball and banquet of the St. Andrew's society of Montreal, on the night of Nov. 30th, was a swell affair, the governor-general and Lady Aberdeen being present. Among the fraternal greetings received was one from Nelson, which read: "Our first direct telegraphic connection with Canadian Pacific system completed to-day, and friends in South Kootenay greet their brother Scots in Montreal and wish them a bonny time the nicht. The chiels here drink your healths in memory of Auld Scotia." The transmission of that message was too much for the "direct telegraphic connection," for the connection has been "poorly" ever since.

There is a man now working on Toad mountain who is highly respected by all who know him. His has been a life of accidents. Some of his experiences are as follows:

"I was sliding on the crust when a boy and slid over a fence, running a stake into me and making a bad wound. Once when my mother was making soap I saw a dipper of what I thought was water and drank three swallows. It proved to be strong lye. My mother melted some tallow and gave it to me, and the doctors said that was all that saved my life. Four times I came near getting drowned, twice breaking through the ice into the river, once falling from a raft into the mill pond and once I fell from a boat into the river. I was nearly killed twice by being thrown from horses, fell from a loaded team to the frozen ground and was picked up for dead, and fell out of a wagon and had a leg caught between the spokes of one of the wheels. Once I was driving a covered wagon when the stanchion bolt came out, letting the body down. The rein hook took me in the forehead, tearing a great gash, and when I fell out I struck my head on the axle. Twice I fell 12 feet from a staging, once I fell down a trap in a carriage house on a pile of boards below and started a rib. I stepped on a scythe and cut my foot badly and a cake of ice fell on my foot and burst open one of my toes; cut my ankle very badly with an axe; broke a needle in my heel, which was not removed for two months, and stepped on a tenpenny nail and drove it into my foot, making a bad wound, from which pieces of the shoe and stocking were removed, and which had to be cut open and the bone scraped. I had a windlass rope break when trussing up a bucket, and it broke out two of my teeth. I have been blown up once when firing shots, and badly burned three times. My hand was caught in the feed roll of a picker. I was badly hurt once with a circular saw and again with a buzz planer; fell on an 18-inch belt when it was running and on a four-foot gear when it was running; twice have fallen downstairs in a mill, the first time hurting my back badly, the second time starting three of my ribs. In the summer of 1890 had a tree fall on me, and I have not recovered from the injuries yet."

(The Miner.)

Thursday's train carried some dissatisfied contractors who had sub-contracts on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard. They complain that the engineer's measurements have not been fair. They promise a law suit when they receive their estimates.

George A. Keefer has been commissioned to examine and inspect the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railroad on behalf of the government. He will be accompanied by Mr. Corbin, Jr.

It has been decided to run two trains a week from each end during the winter. The trains will leave the Nelson terminus on Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7 o'clock, arriving at Spokane same evenings at 5 o'clock. The incoming trains will leave Spokane on Tuesday and Friday mornings, arriving in Nelson at 7 o'clock. The steamer Nelson will make connection for Kaslo.

Pending official formalities Nelson freight in bond over the N. & F. S. will be entered at Waneta. Delay may be avoided by merchants placing their power of attorney in the hands of C. W. Heath, local agent of the N. & F. S.

News of a new and valuable strike has been received from Ainsworth. Last week while the men were engaged in [illegible] line between the Black Diamond and the Little Phil they suddenly broke into a strong vein of galena. When enough had been done to size up the new find it proved to be eight and a half of clean galena ore and will run 80 or 90 ounces in silver and about 75 per cent. lead. The Black Diamond is owned by J. Stevens, chief engineer of the Great Northern, and the Little Phil is the property of Tom McGovern and Capt. Hayward. After reporting the find the men went on driving for the original lead, which lies about 100 feet further back.

E. W. Ferguson of Chicago is reported to have purchased the Surprise claim in the Slocan for $60,000, and if rumor has it correct he paid $30,000 down. George Hughes has secured a contract from Ferguson to haul 150 tons of ore, which is ready sacked on the Enterprise, to Kaslo. He is at present engaged in making a trail to the mine. All the leading Slocan properties are rushing their ore out to Kaslo or Three Forks. There are fifteen properties working, and the record will surpass anything of the kind heretofore, both as regards quantity and value.

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Drugs and Colors.

In a paper on the action of pilocoparpine, the alkaloid of jaborandi, Dr. D. W. Prentis, of Washington, cites three cases of darkening of the hair by the use of this substance as the only ones, so far as could be learned, in which drugs taken internally have been charged with altering the color of the human hair. It is a well-known fact, however, that cayenne pepper is administered to canary birds to change their color to orange; and Wallace mentions that the Indians of the Amazon change parots from green to red or yellow by supplying them with the fat of a certain kind of fish, while at the zoological garden at Amsterdam certain birds are fed with a kind of shrimp or small crustacean to restore their original brilliant colors. Analogous to the above is the effect of madder in staining the bones of pigs red and of pokeberries in coloring crows' bones purple. Dr. Prentiss suggests that it might be of interest to study the effect of diet and habit upon the color of hair in different nations of men—as, for instance, why the Saxons have light hair and the Gauls black, and that it is within the bonds of possibility that discoveries may be made by which the color of the hair may be modified by judicious treatment by parents.

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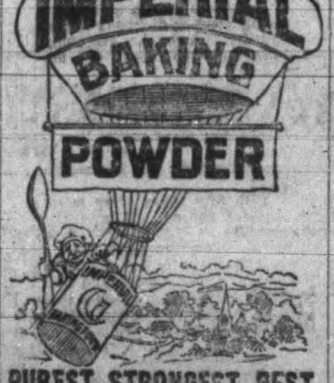
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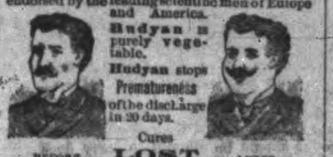
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To the Electors of Victoria:

I beg to intimate that I am a candidate for re-election as Mayor, and respectfully solicit your support.

ROBERT BEAVEN.

28th November, 1893.

MAYORALTY.

To the Voters of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the office of mayor for the ensuing year, and most respectfully solicit your votes and interest.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

JOHN TEAGUE.

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SPRING RIDGE SCHOOL DISMISSED

Closing Exercises at the Victoria High School Examination This Afternoon—Promotion and Prize Lists and Programme.

The last of the city public schools were to-day closed for the Christmas holidays. In the morning the Spring Ridge ward school, H. J. Hawkey principal, was dismissed after a very interesting programme had been rendered by the pupils. The programme is appended:

Song, School.....Welcome to All.
Recitation.....Maud Field
Song...Flossie Mills and Edna McKeon.
Recitation.....Jennie Colds.
Song.....B. and L. Scowcroft.
Recitation.....Walter Barnswell.
Song.....H. Aaronson.
Recitation.....Lena Breidford.
Song, School...I Love the Merry Sunshine.
Song.....Ethel McLellan.
Recitation.....K. Johnson.
Song.....E. Elliott and N. Cantrill.
Recitation.....R. Lory.
Song.....N. Fraser.
Recitation.....May Musson.
Recitation.....A. Cohen.
Song.....Lizzie Chambers.
Recitation.....E. Matthews.
Song.....A. McDonald and N. Waring.
Recitation.....F. Corder.
Song, School.....Carol.

From First Division to Central School, R. J. Hawkey teacher—May Musson, Mabel Lyall, Lizzie Scowcroft, Andrew Goodman, Heber Dicks, Flossie Mills, Maggie White, Jennie Collis, Edna McKeon, Henrietta Barnswell, Charles Chislett, Fred. Janes, Amy Wilson, Ralph Banfield, Esther Peterson.

From Second to First Division, Miss F. Smith, teacher—Jennie Malcolm, Kristrina Johnson, Joennia Johnson, Valgerdue Myrdal, John Tiomson, Sarah Dearden, Mary McDonald, Jennie McDonald, William Barnswell, Robert McLachlan, Lionel Cohen, Edward Townsley, Malvinia Meunier, Julia Wilkinson, James Goodman, Lillian Kessler, Sidney Wilsby, Elizabeth Chambers.

Second to First class in Second Division—Isabel Chapman, Rigolette Winch, Eva Maxhews, Gertrude Creech, Mabel Field, Arthur Goodman, John Anderson, Kate Carron, Christine Christiansen, Queenie Rossan, Davay Richards, Elizabeth Field.

Third to Second Division, L. M. Speers, teacher—John Holdcroft, Charles Salt, Arthur Whittaker, Stanley Russell, William Maynard, William Roskelly, Sam Johnson, Emma Neelands, Segurdiina Breidjford, Margaret Malcolm, Margaret Johnson, Edwin Coles, Kate Dalby, Violet Clarke, Stancey Christianson, Maud Ellen Lyall, Hedley Dwyer, George Little, Nellie Bragg.

From First Primer to Second Primer—Jane McKinnon, Elizabeth Whittaker, Lewis Neelands, Bernice Scowcroft, Henry Deighton, Kristina Johnson, Henry Cohen, Etha McLellan, John Creed, William Drysdale, Lulu Hooson, Teddy Parsons, Ethel Allatt, Beatrice Salder, Tom Mathews, Albert Chadett, Henry Brown, Blule Ash, Mildred Goodman.

From Fourth to Third Division, Flora C. Fraser, teacher—Lillian McPhadden, Norma Cantrill, Florence Corder, Helen Fraser, Daisey Christopher, Annette Cohen, Ethel Grant, Lewis Chamberlain, Margaret Myrdal, Louisa Johnston, Minnie Selleck, Hannah Aaronson, Edmund Therriault, Robert Brydon, Frederic McGregor, Florence Hick, John McDonald, Otto Andernach, Margaret Dearden, Merton McKenzie, Edythe Copeland, Ernest Maynard.

The following pupils were promoted from the boys' and girls' school to the high school: Beatrice J. Tobin, Alice E. Dalby, Sarah A. Eckersley, Eva S. Shrapnel, Emily H. Cox, Annie Cathcart, Florence N. Mallett, Mabel V. Sylvester, Agnes Robinson, Pearl W. Fleming, Cora H. Loat, Winnifred J. Creech, Envis J. Mills, Mabel B. Estes, and Blanche C. Couves. H. Kroeger, Edgar Burns, Morris Thomas, H. Pridham, N. Cuthbert, C. Berkeley, W. Berridge, W. Smith, J. Bland, William Northcott, H. McConnell, Norton Taylor, C. O'Brian, J. Milne, E. Greenfield, E. Pendray, William Bland, W. Roberts, E. Kermode, H. Boyd, J. Wollaston, T. Hickey, H. Cameron, and E. George. John L. Colbert, A. Nichols and A. J. Herd.

The Tolmie School examination took place yesterday, the promotions being as follows:

From Chart to First Primer—Norman Owens, Eva Ferguson, George Coughlan, Charles Coughlan and John Gillespie.

From First Primer to Second Primer—Bertha Coughlan, Edgar Abbott, Annie McDonald, and Bertie Caselton.

From Second Primer to Second Reader—Bernice Peters, Frederic Liddell, John Johnson, Bertie Graham, Edwin Hancock, Arthur Loyd, and Bessie Russell.

From Second Reader to Third Reader—Margaret Loyd, and Charlotte Brown.

From Fourth to Fifth Reader—Mary Jane Owens, Mary Harvey Holmes, Emma Kelly, Henrietta Caselton and George Tarbell.

Prizes were then presented as follows: 1st prize Fifth Reader, Elizabeth Nicholson; 1st prize Fourth Reader, Mary Jane Owens; 1st prize Third Reader, Margaret Loyd; 2nd pr. Third Reader, Alice Coughlan; 1st prize Second Reader, Mary Tarbell; 1st prize Second Primer, Bernice Peters; 1st prize First Primer, Bertha Coughlan; and 1st prize Chart, Norman Owens. Prizes for singing to Etta Caselton, Wm. Corbett and John Johnson. Prize for sewing, Bessie Russell.

The End.

To-morrow night ends the great sale of toys and Xmas gifts at Russell & McDonald's, opposite the iron church, Douglas street.

VICE-ADMIRALTY COURT.

Claim to Have the Sealer Ainoko Condemned and Forfeited.

Mr. Justice Crease, acting judge of the vice-admiralty court in the absence of the chief justice, to-day heard the case of the Queen vs. the schooner Ainoko. By his side on the bench sat H. F. Hughes-Hallet, captain of H. M. S. Garnet. The endorsement on the writ states Harry Francis Hughes Hallet as captain of the Garnet claims to have the schooner, her equipment, etc., forfeited to her majesty.

On July 22nd of this year the Ainoko, which is owned by Capt. Grant of Victoria, and was at that date under the command of Capt. George Heater, was seized by an officer from the Russian transport ship Yakout in lat. 52 degrees 2 minutes 35 seconds N. and long. 168 degrees 32 minutes E., at a point 16 miles from the southern point of Copper Island, being a point within the prohibited zone. At the time the schooner was fully manned and equipped for the purpose of hunting, killing and taking seals and it is alleged that she had 68 sealskins on board. The Russian officer, when he had made the seizure, directed the captain to proceed with the schooner to Yokohama to appear before the British consul there, and a provisional certificate was given him to enable him to reach that port. Instead of doing this the captain made for Victoria with all possible speed.

The defense is, among other things, that for some days prior to the seizure the defendants were unable, on account of heavy weather, to hunt for seals, or, for a large part of the time, to take observations, and that it was not until 3 in the afternoon of the day of the seizure that the captain sighted land, when he found that according to his dead reckoning that his position was wrong; that on discovery of this fact the captain at once wore ship and made all possible sail to get outside of the prohibited zone, but was unable to do so owing to light wind and weather prevailing.

C. E. Pooley, Q. C., appears for the crown and H. Dallas Helmcken for the owner of the schooner.

PROSPECTS ARE BLUE.

Time for High Prices for Sealskins Has Passed.

Captain J. G. Cox, who returned on Wednesday night from a business trip to London, obtained very little information in the metropolis regarding the future action of the English government in respect to the sealing industry. He interviewed representatives of the British government and Sir Charles Tupper, but they as yet are in the dark regarding what will be done. Diplomatic correspondence is passing between the English and American governments, but of course its purport is secret. "There are no appearances of a move to modify the regulations passed by the Paris arbitration," said Captain Cox, "and as those regulations are law, the only question is, 'How strictly will they be enforced?' The large amount of important business that came before parliament at the last session prevented anything being done at that time."

"Is there any prospects of better prices being obtained for the skins not sold at the recent sales?" Captain Cox was asked.

"It is hard to say," he answered. "Even the oldest dealers cannot give any idea of what the skins will fetch until they meet on the floor of the sale room. There is so much jealousy among the buyers that they keep all their information to themselves. There is one thing certain, however. The time for high prices for sealskins has passed. As long as there were only a few skins on the market the prices could be kept up, so that only the wealthier people could buy them, but when such a large number of skins is placed on the market much lower prices must be expected, so that the 'masses' can afford sealskin garments. Altogether, the prospects for the future are very blue. With the increased supply that the big companies will place on the market prices are sure to go down."

"What course will the schooners pursue this season?"

"I have seen very few of the owners since my return, and therefore do not know exactly what they have decided. We (E. B. Marvin & Co.), although fitting out our schooners, do not know exactly what will be best to do with them. A great many, I suppose, will go to the Japan coast."

WHERE DOCTORS DIFFER.

The Bark Templar Dispute—A Murder Reported.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Capt. Sewell, of the ship Benj. Sewell, Capt. Murray Thain, harbormaster, and Capt. Copp, at the request of the American consul have inspected the bark Templar and say she should be allowed to carry deck load. This is directly contrary to the decision of Surveyor Collister.

A freight train jumped the track at Seabird Bluff yesterday; no one was hurt but considerable damage to the rolling stock was done.

Word has been received that Indian Tommy of Howe Sound has murdered his klootch. The coroner and policeman have gone to investigate.

Marine.

It was the United States lighthouse tender Columbine not the Oliver Wolcott that was in port Wednesday afternoon.

The sealer Brenda cleared yesterday for the North Pacific ocean. She is commanded by Capt. Locke and has a crew of 26 men aboard. She will go to the Japanese side.

The collier Crown of England passed out yesterday and the collier San Mateo passed up.

Bark Glory of the Seas sailed into Royal Roads last evening. She is from San Francisco, bound for Nanaimo to load coal. She will be towed up by the Lorne.

Bark Candida, salmon laden for the United Kingdom, sailed to-day.

H. M. S. Royal Arthur sailed for the south at 11.30.

PERSONAL.

D. O. Le Gunde, of Quebec, is at the Driard.

A. R. Johnston, of Nanaimo, is at the Driard.

Capt. Gibson, of the Bark Colorado, is in the city.

J. C. Devlin came up from the Sound this morning.

Max Leiser returned home on the Premier last night.

M. Guttman returned this morning from the Sound.

R. Cassidy was a passenger last evening from Vancouver.

Mrs. Milne was a passenger home from the Sound this morning.

Campbell Sweeny, of the Bank of Montreal, came over from the Mainland last evening.

Mrs. Joseph Heywood, who has been ill for some time, is now in Royal Jubilee Hospital.

John Teague is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism. His right arm has been rendered useless.

Dr. Praeger and Mrs. Praeger and family, Mrs. Good and the Misses Gordon, of Nanaimo, left this morning for Pasadena. The doctor will return in ten days, but the rest of the party will spend the winter.

Sick headache can be cured in the simplest way by using Esslay's Liver Lozenges.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Matters of Interest Going Forward in the Sporting World.

BILLIARDS

LOCAL BILLIARDISTS.

At the Hotel Victoria billiard tournament last night McKnight beat Francis (250 to 249). The second draw is: December 22, Baille (st. 100) vs. Howard (st. 100); December 23, Pauline (st. 100) vs. McKnight (st. 100); December 26, Turner (st. 50) vs. Rhodes (scratch).

FOOTBALL.

AT WELLINGTON.

To-morrow the Victoria Wanderers journey to Wellington to play Wellington in the first round of the Provincial Challenge Cup competition. Wanderers are expected to be at the depot not later than 7:45. The teams will be: Wanderers—Goal, Boyd; backs, Donaldson and Hook; half-backs, Deckers, Nevin, Blackburn; forwards, Peden, Johnson, Kenward, Beggs, McCann. Wellington team—Mitchell, Fisher, Lumby, Irving, Richards, Simpson, Ross, Blackhall, Johnson, Blakely and White.

THE TURF.

A BAD REPUTATION.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The board of stewards has directed that the entries of Frank Van Ness, owner of Morello, Bampost, Trix, Bill Howard and other well-known horses, be hereafter refused by the Blood Horse association because of peculiar performances. Van Ness has been requested to vacate his quarters at the Bay District track.

Marvels of Cheapness.

The toys and Xmas gifts at Russell & McDonald's.

Before and After.

"Next Monday evening," wrote the editor of the Pigeonville Cyclone, "our people will be favored with a treat such as we seldom enjoy in our little city. The world-famous Yellerby Dramatic Combination, presenting the sparkling comedy, "Wooed and Won; or the Lost Latchkey," will appear in Hecker's hall, on the north side of the public square, with a company of artists whom it is a pleasure to commend to the favorable notice of all lovers of pure and refined comedy. Wherever the Yellerby Dramatic Combination has appeared this season it has played to packed houses, and the enterprising proprietor of Hecker's hall is entitled to the thanks of the community for giving us the opportunity of welcoming so eminent a company of stars and specialty artists to our midst." About a week later the editor of the Cyclone sat down and wrote as follows: "Last Monday night a tenth-rate gang of barn stormers, calling themselves the Yellerby Dramatic Combination, held forth to a slim and suffering audience at Hecker's hall. They performed, or rather murdered, what they called the sparkling comedy of "Wooed and Won," a dreary collection of old and mouldy chestnuts, bald-headed conundrums, and gags that wore whiskers when Noah went into the ark. There was not a sparkling feature in the entire performance. It was worse than a nightmare all through, and the 'acting' was worse than the 'play.' If there is a member of the combination who could earn a dollar a week drowning out woodchucks, or possesses enough dramatic ability to turn a grindstone without the aid of a prompter, he didn't appear last Monday night. The only wonder is that when so palpable a fraud as this aggregation of snide actors comes to town any body can be found who cares to waste half a dollar to help the pestilent humbugs on to the next town."—Chicago Tribune.

To Get a Shapely Waist.

"How did you get your waist so small, Mabel? It used to be nearly as large as mine."

"Ah, that's a secret," was the answer, with a smile.

"Do tell me. Can't you see what a sight I am? I've tried all kinds of flesh-reducing medicines, but none of them seem to do any good."

"Well, I'll tell you. It's a trick I learned from Harry while he was at West Point. You know how small-waisted he is?"

The other nodded.

"I asked him once how he did it, and he told me that he stood squarely on his feet so. But come upstairs and I'll show you."

The young lady donned a pretty gymnasium suit—she was a high school girl—and standing erect with hands uplifted and thumbs locked, she gracefully stooped down until the tips of her fingers touched her toes.

"The point is," she said, "not to bend your knees at all. It looks easy, but try it once. It takes lots of practice to touch the floor, but after awhile it will be easy."

"How many times do you go through that motion?"

"I began with fifty times every morning, just after I got up, and gradually increased, until now I do it 200. It is a sure cure for too stout waists."

Her friend followed in her footsteps, and told several acquaintances, and now the men are commenting on the fact that all the girls in their particular coterie have such pretty waists.—Philadelphia Press.

There is a brave young Jewess in New York who will make her mark if pluck and perseverance count for anything. She is only 17 years old, but as the eldest of several children she has upon her shoulders not only the care of these boys and girls, but the work of the household and the nursing of a paralyzed mother, and in addition to this, poverty has forced her to earn something toward the support of her family. She succeeded for a while in making about three dollars a week by addressing envelopes at 75 cents a thousand, and at the same time studied eagerly in the hope of passing a public school examination. In this she failed, but by means of an appeal made to the president of a private school in New York she was granted admission to this as a free pupil. Here she is working now, often studying until one o'clock in the morning, even although she has to rise at 4 a.m.

Coffee palaces opened by the temperance party in Melbourne as a means to promote teetotalism have proved a failure. Last year's trading entailed a loss of £1,700.

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Per City of Kingston from the Sound—J Briggs and brother, C A Gilchrist, R Hall and wife, Mrs E G McCaskey, Mrs Alexander, Miss S Davis, F S Perrin, T W Green, Mrs Milne, W Ferguson, J A Matherson, M P Kaiser, C Hanson, Mrs Lynne, D B Denton, Couretz, Mrs Davis, F Larkin and wife, M Gutman, J Hopkins.

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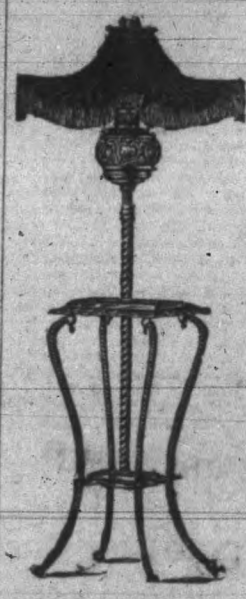

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